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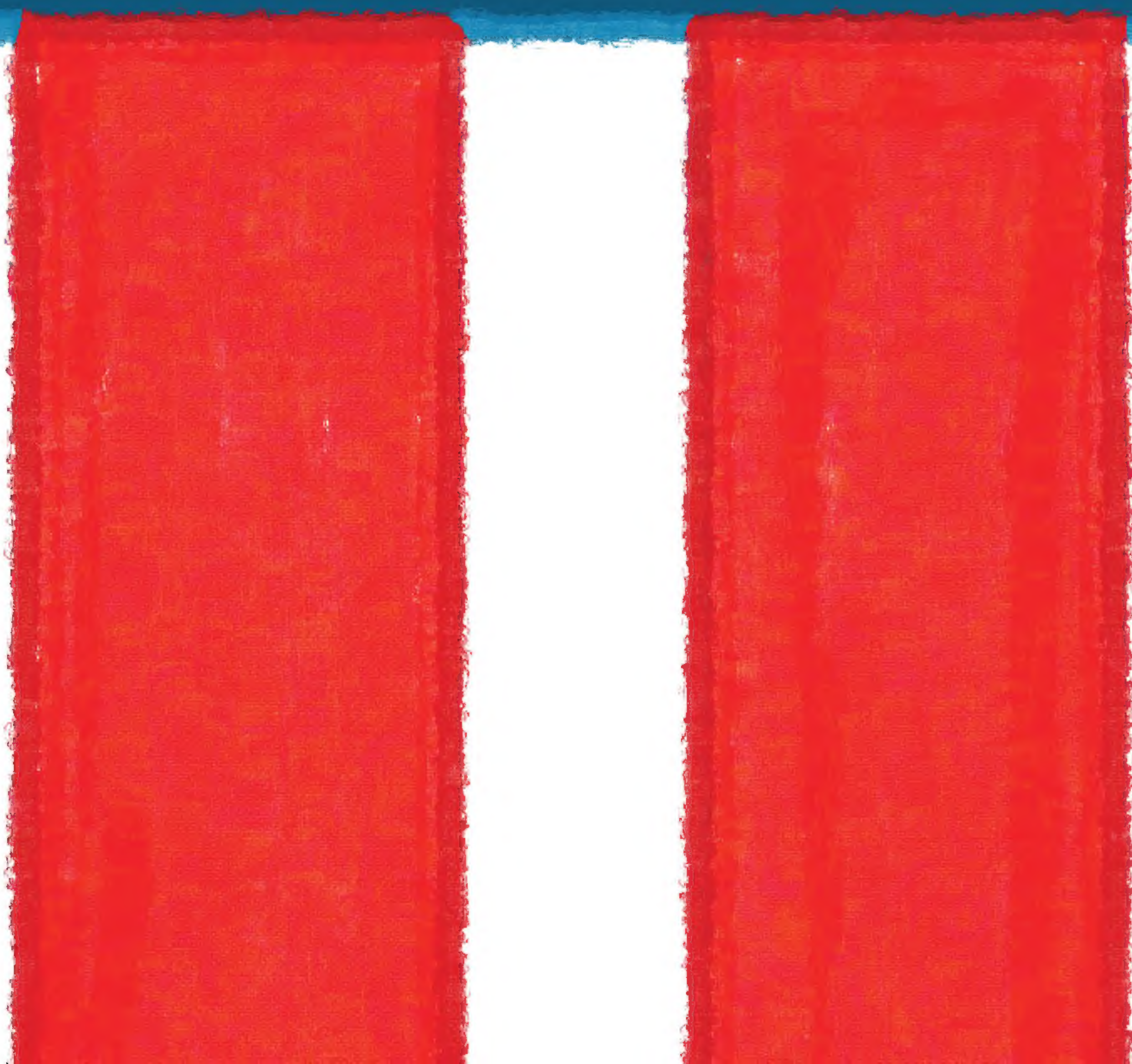
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SPIDER-MAN

Life Story 5 The '00s



In 1962, a fifteen-year-old boy named PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and became the crimefighting super hero called SPIDER-MAN! After Peter discovered that Miles Warren had created a clone of him who took on the name "Ben," Otto Octavius and Norman Osborn concocted a plan to convince Peter that he was the clone and Ben was the original. When Peter saw through it, he chose to conceal the truth from Ben, giving the clone what he'd need to take over his life as Spider-Man and the head of Parker Industries while Peter returned to his estranged wife Mary Jane and their twin children.

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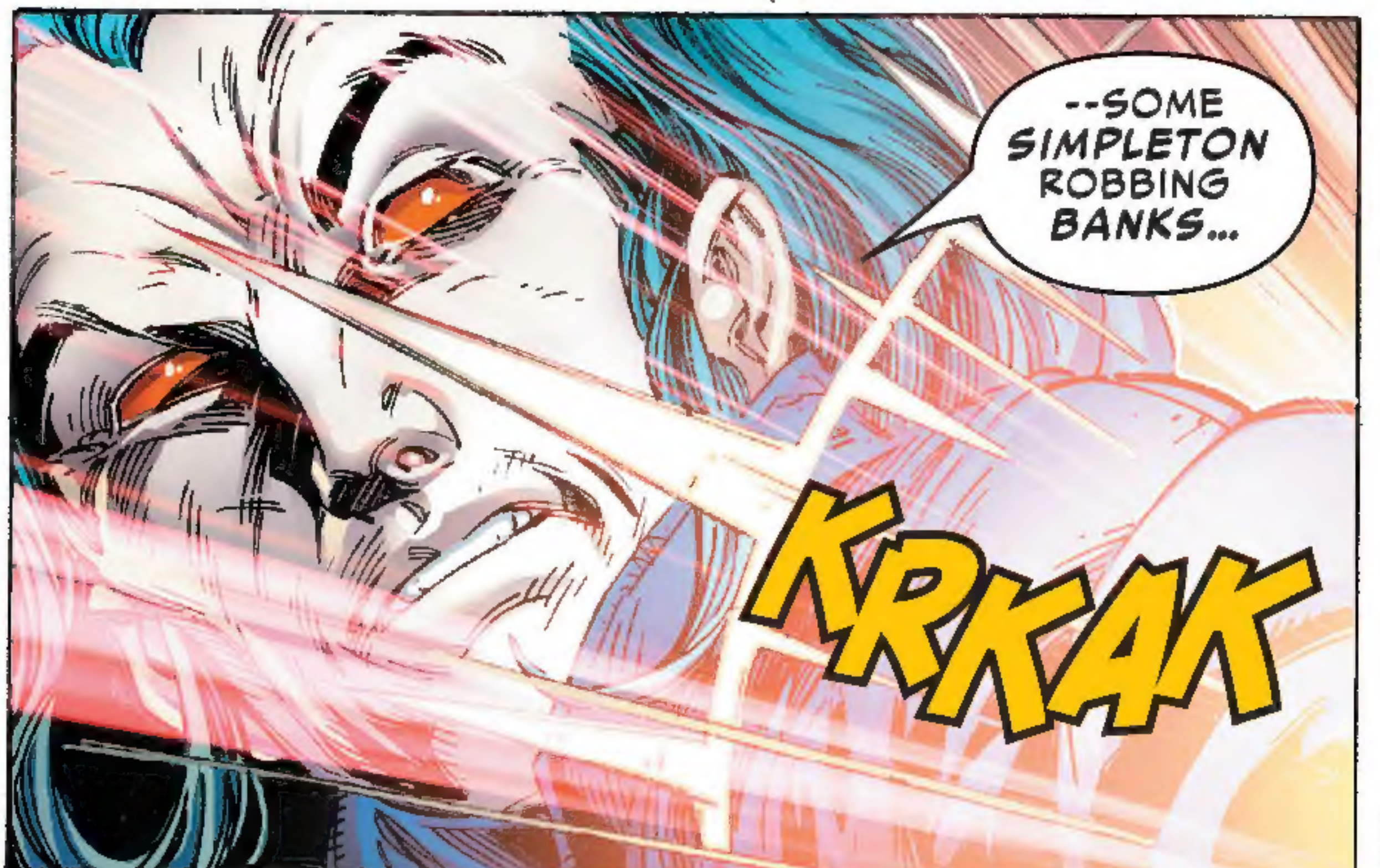
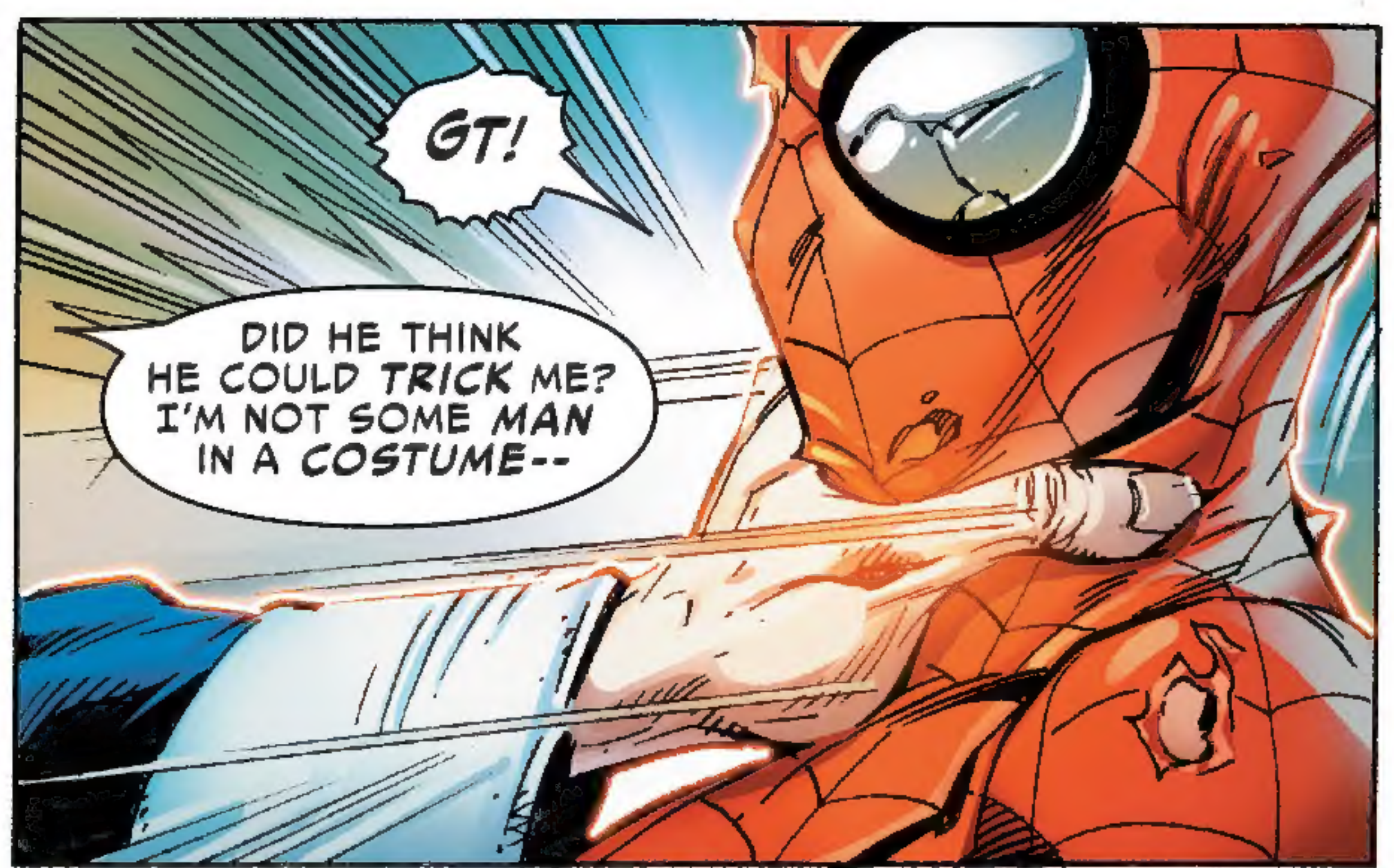
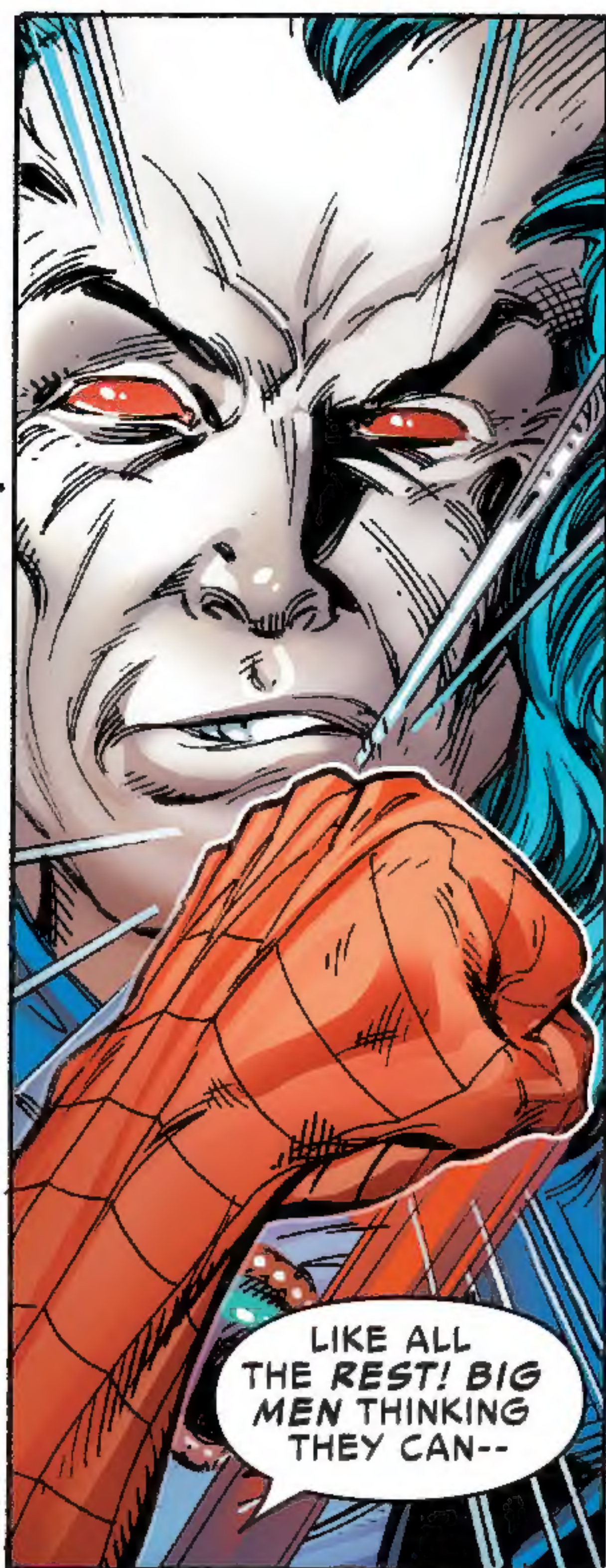
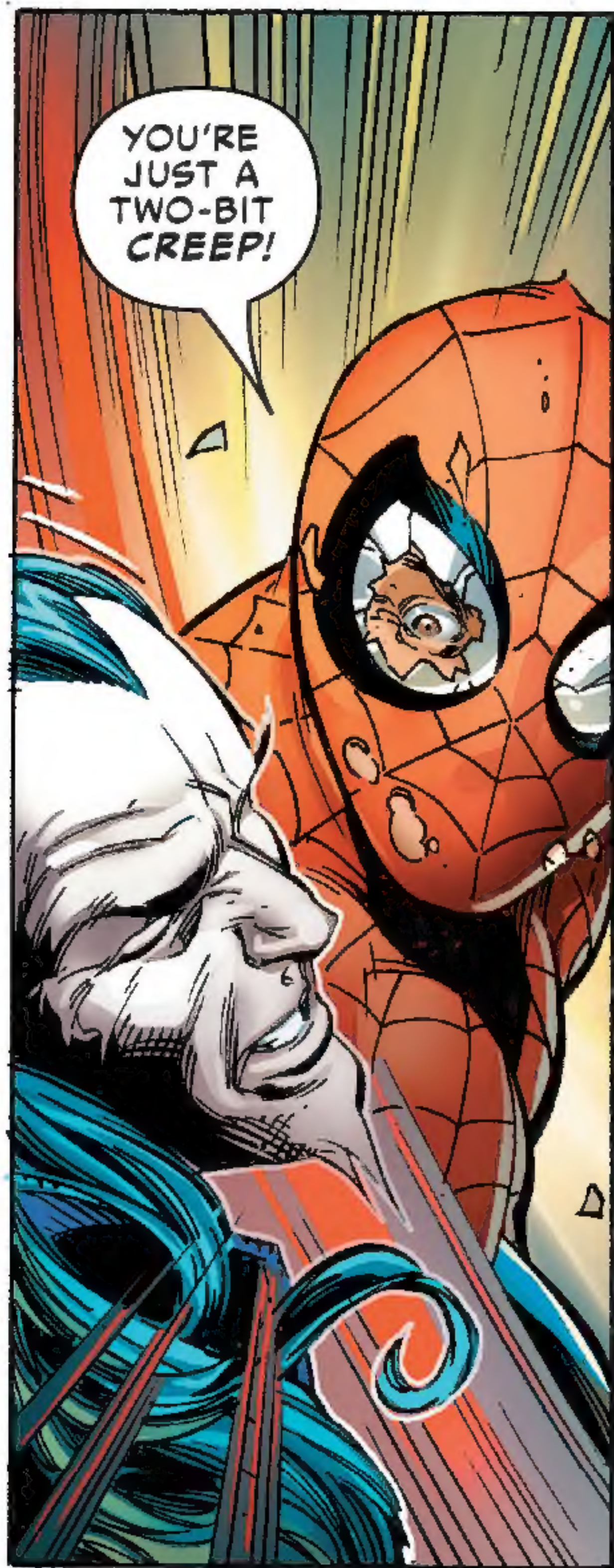
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"...AND I WILL FEED."

SO, GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO STANFORD LATELY?

NO MORE THAN USUAL.

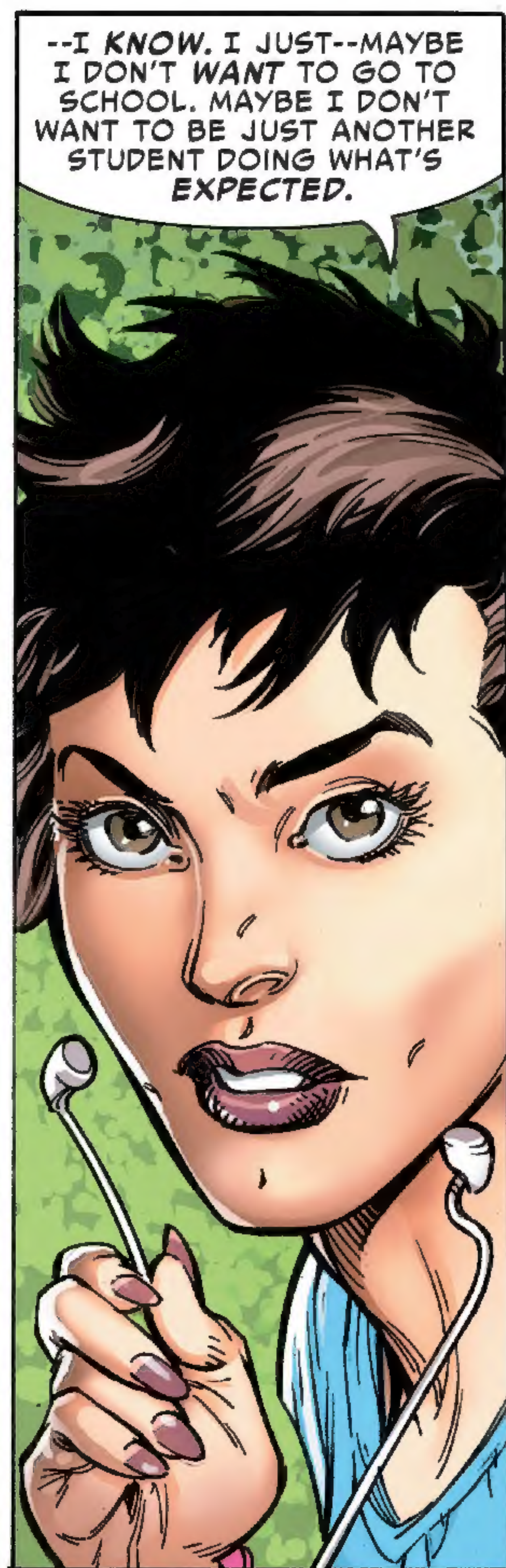


CLAIRE.

YOUR MOM AND I, WE LOVE YOU. WE LOVE HAVING YOU HERE.

BUT YOU NEED TO START MAKING DECISIONS. THAT FULL SCHOLARSHIP ISN'T GOING TO BE THERE FOREVER.

GOD, DAD--



--I KNOW. I JUST--MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL. MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO BE JUST ANOTHER STUDENT DOING WHAT'S EXPECTED.



HONEY... YOU'RE JUST--YOU HAVE A GIFT. ALL YOUR TEACHERS SAW IT, I SEE IT.

YOU CAN'T WASTE THAT. IT'S YOUR--

"RESPONSIBILITY"? DO I NEED THIS SPEECH AGAIN? REALLY?

FROM YOU? "PORTLAND'S BEST ELECTRICIAN 2003-2005" AS VOTED BY THE READERS OF--



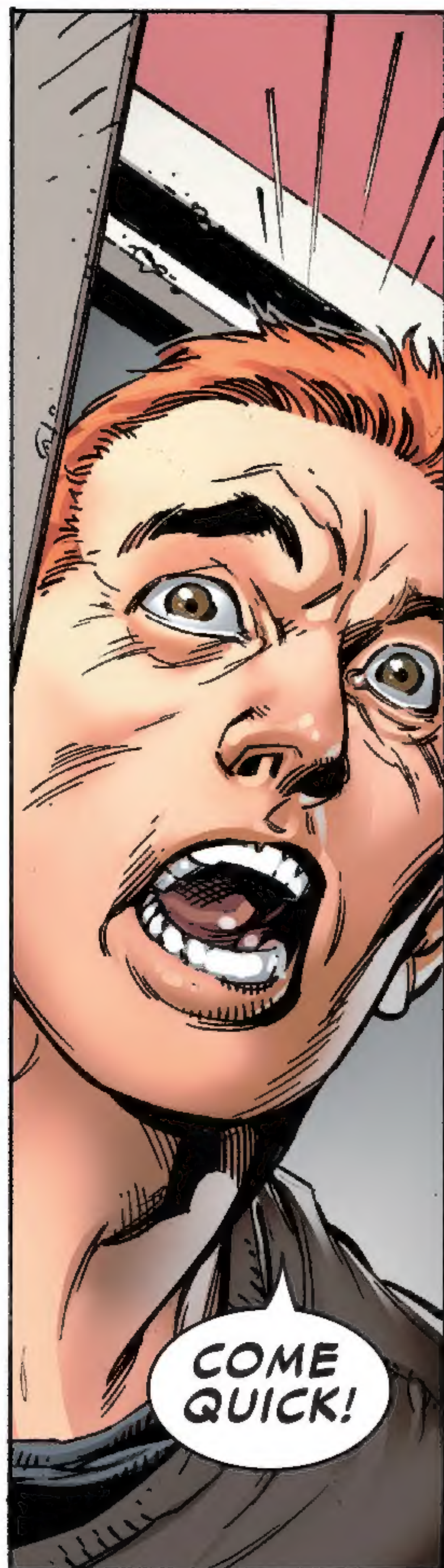
CLAIRE. MY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO YOU. TO YOUR BROTHER. YOUR MO--



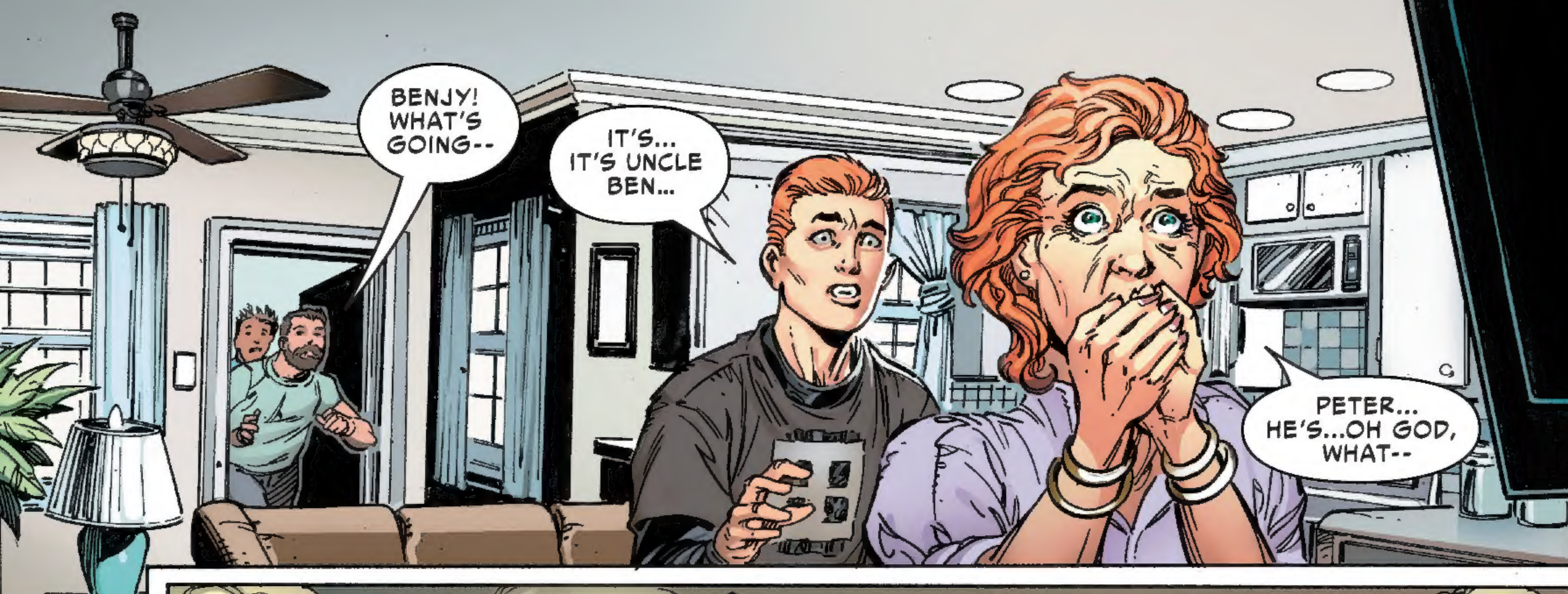
OH PLEASE. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO THREE GROWN-UPS? DO YOU REALIZE HOW PATRONIZING THAT SOUNDS?

THE WORLD IS FALLING APART! ALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR FREEDOM, FOR EVERYONE'S FREEDOM, WHILE YOU--

DAD!



COME QUICK!



BENJY!
WHAT'S
GOING--

IT'S...
IT'S UNCLE
BEN...

PETER...
HE'S...OH GOD,
WHAT--



SPIDER-MAN DEAD

HERO REVEALED TO BE INDUSTRIALIST PETER PARKER.
NO STATEMENT YET FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES.



NO...

...THIS
CAN'T BE...
EZEKIEL
WAS
RIGHT...

OH, BEN...
I'M SO
SORRY...

WHAT ARE YOU--

THERE WAS A MAN NAMED
EZEKIEL WHO VISITED ME,
SPOUTING SOME NONSENSE
ABOUT MY POWERS...

THAT
I'M--I'M
SOME SORT
OF **SPIDER-
TOTEM**...

...THAT
A CREATURE
NAMED
MORLUN...
WOULD COME
ONE DAY TO...
TO FEED ON
ME AND...

PETER!
WE HAVE
TO--CAN THIS
MORLUN
GUY FIND
US?

WE NEED
TO GO! WE
NEED TO--



NO! HE'S...
HE'S AFTER
ME, MJ!

I NEED TO--TO FLY TO--TO **RUSSIA!**
TO **FIJI!** FIGURE OUT HOW TO TRACK HIM
SO I CAN STAY ONE STEP AHEAD--

OH GOD, AND **STARK!**
HE'S GOING TO--GOING TO
TAKE MY COMPANY! NOW THAT
THE WORLD KNOWS ABOUT
SPIDER-MAN...

WHOA, WHOA.
WHO CARES ABOUT
THE COMPANY?! YOU CAN'T
WALK THIS BACK! WE NEED TO
THINK AND GO TOGETHER TO--



THIS ISN'T A
DISCUSSION!



DAD...

I DON'T HAVE TIME, CLAIRE. I NEED TO--

DAD! YOU CAN'T RUN FROM THIS.

HE'LL KILL YOU ALL TO GET TO ME. I HAVE TO--



HE'S ALREADY KILLING PEOPLE. HE'S GOING TO KILL MORE.

UNLESS YOU STOP HIM. YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS MONSTER, DAD. AND NOW UNCLE BEN IS DEAD.

BEN...

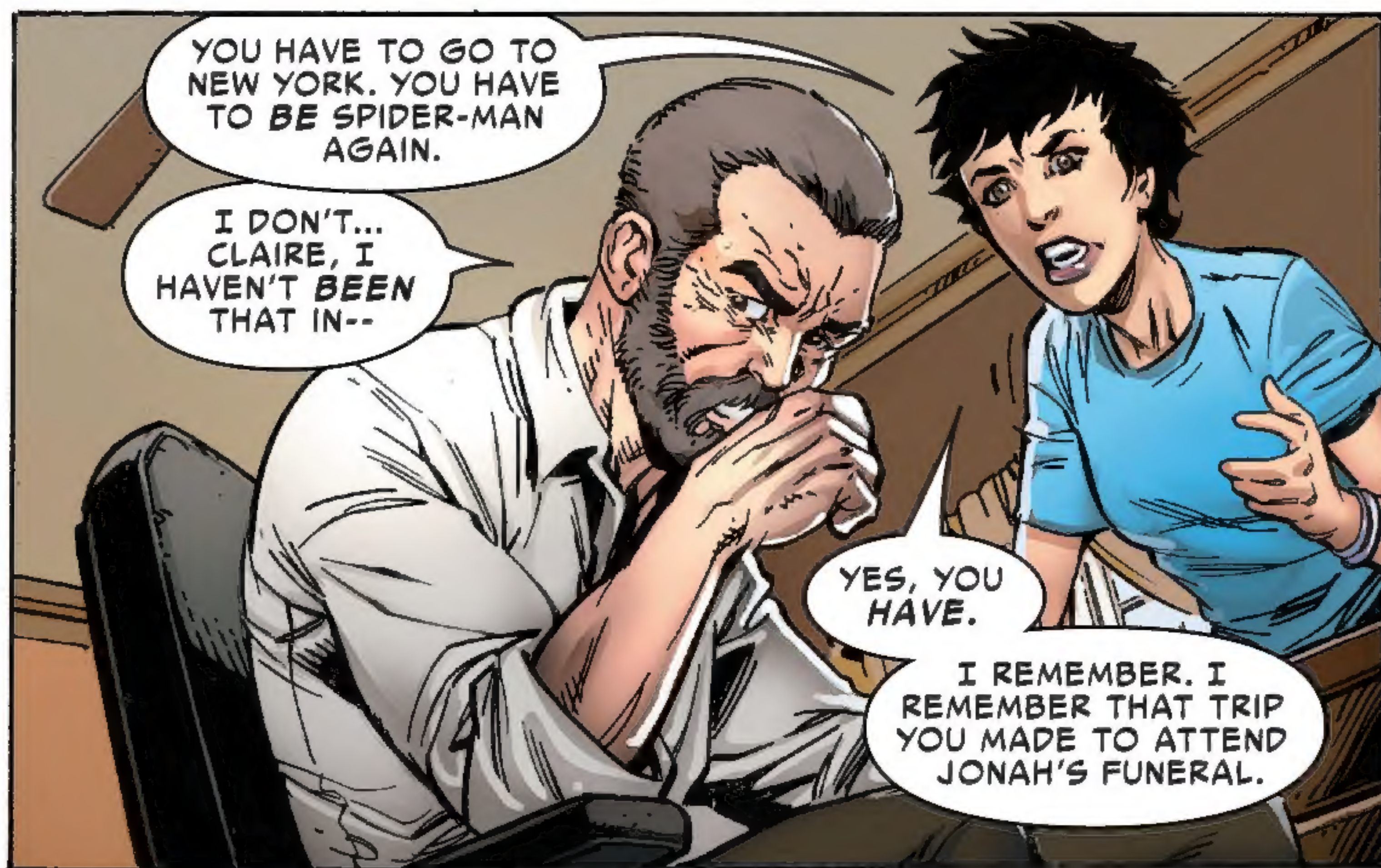


...OH GOD, BEN...

HE NEVER... EVEN WHEN HE HAD EVERYTHING... THE COMPANY...THE PARKER NAME...

HE HAD NO ONE. NO FRIENDS... NO PARTNERS. HE WAS ALWAYS SO SCARED OF EVERYTHING BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM...

...AND THEN IT HAPPENED. GOD HELP ME, I LET IT HAPPEN...



YOU HAVE TO GO TO NEW YORK. YOU HAVE TO BE SPIDER-MAN AGAIN.

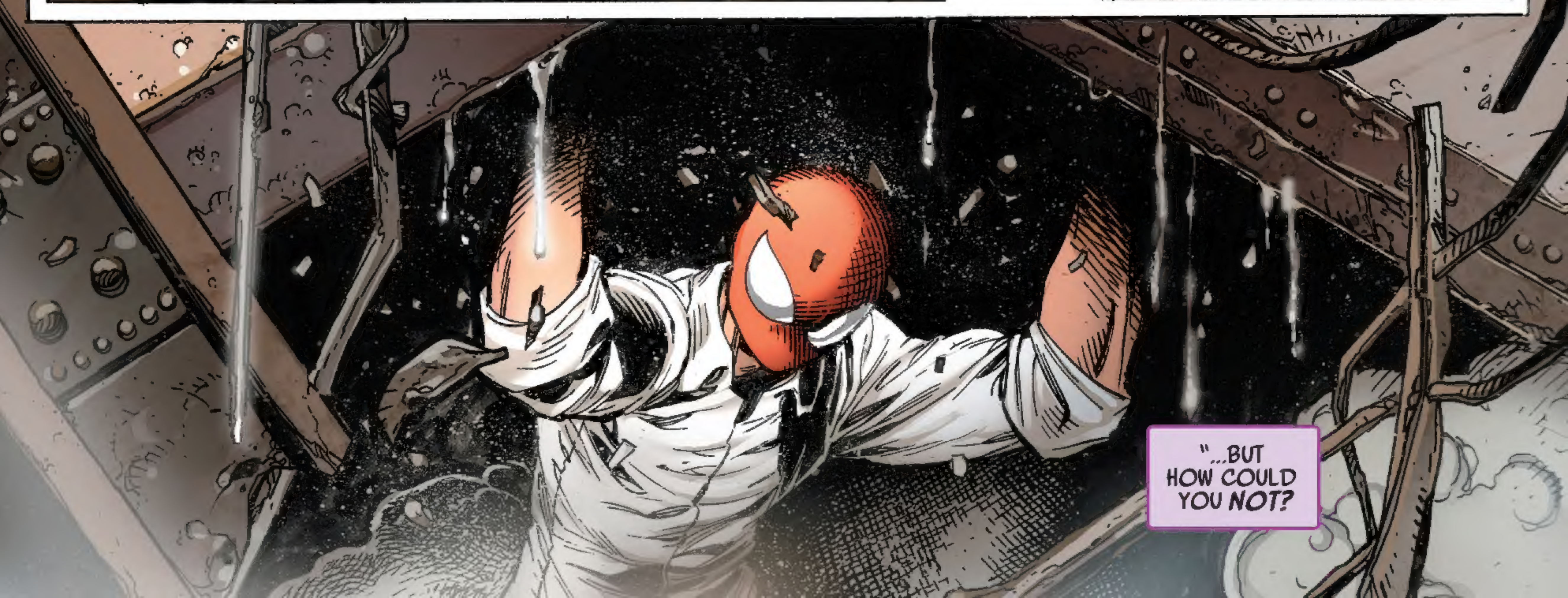
I DON'T... CLAIRE, I HAVEN'T BEEN THAT IN--

YES, YOU HAVE.

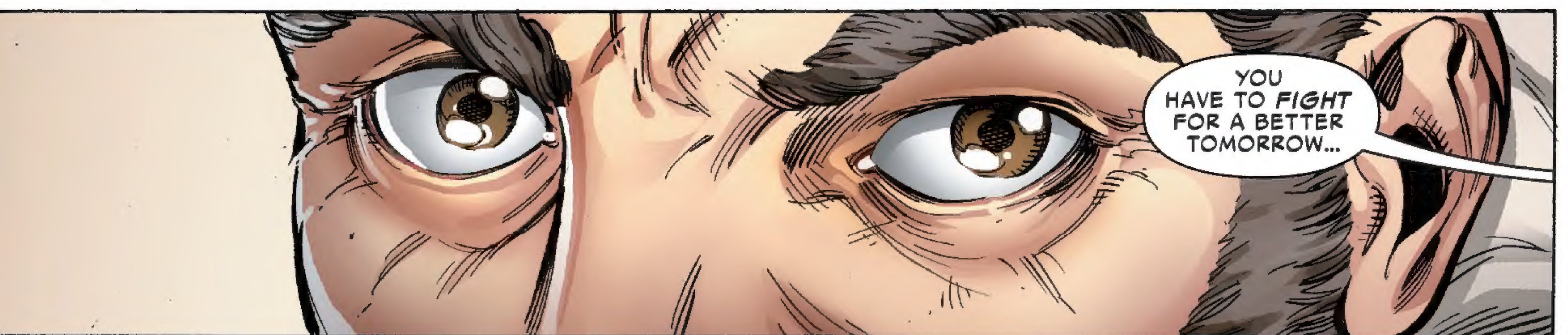
I REMEMBER. I REMEMBER THAT TRIP YOU MADE TO ATTEND JONAH'S FUNERAL.



AND YOU TOLD MOM THAT YOU DIDN'T PUT ON A MASK THAT DAY...



"...BUT HOW COULD YOU NOT?"



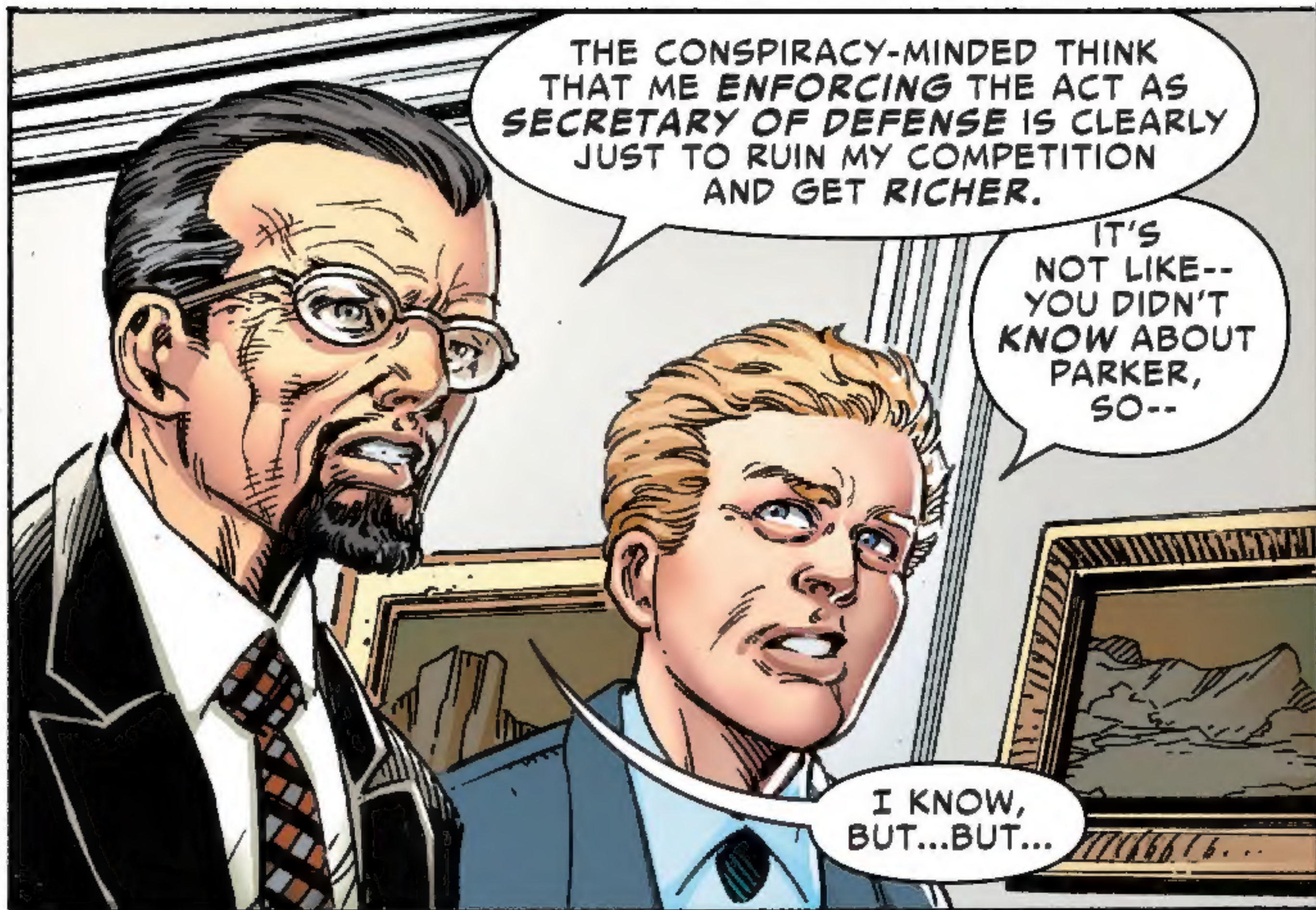


"...YOU HAVE TO BE A HERO."

MR. STARK, HOW DID IT--

THE PRESIDENT IS IN A MOOD TODAY, SAM.

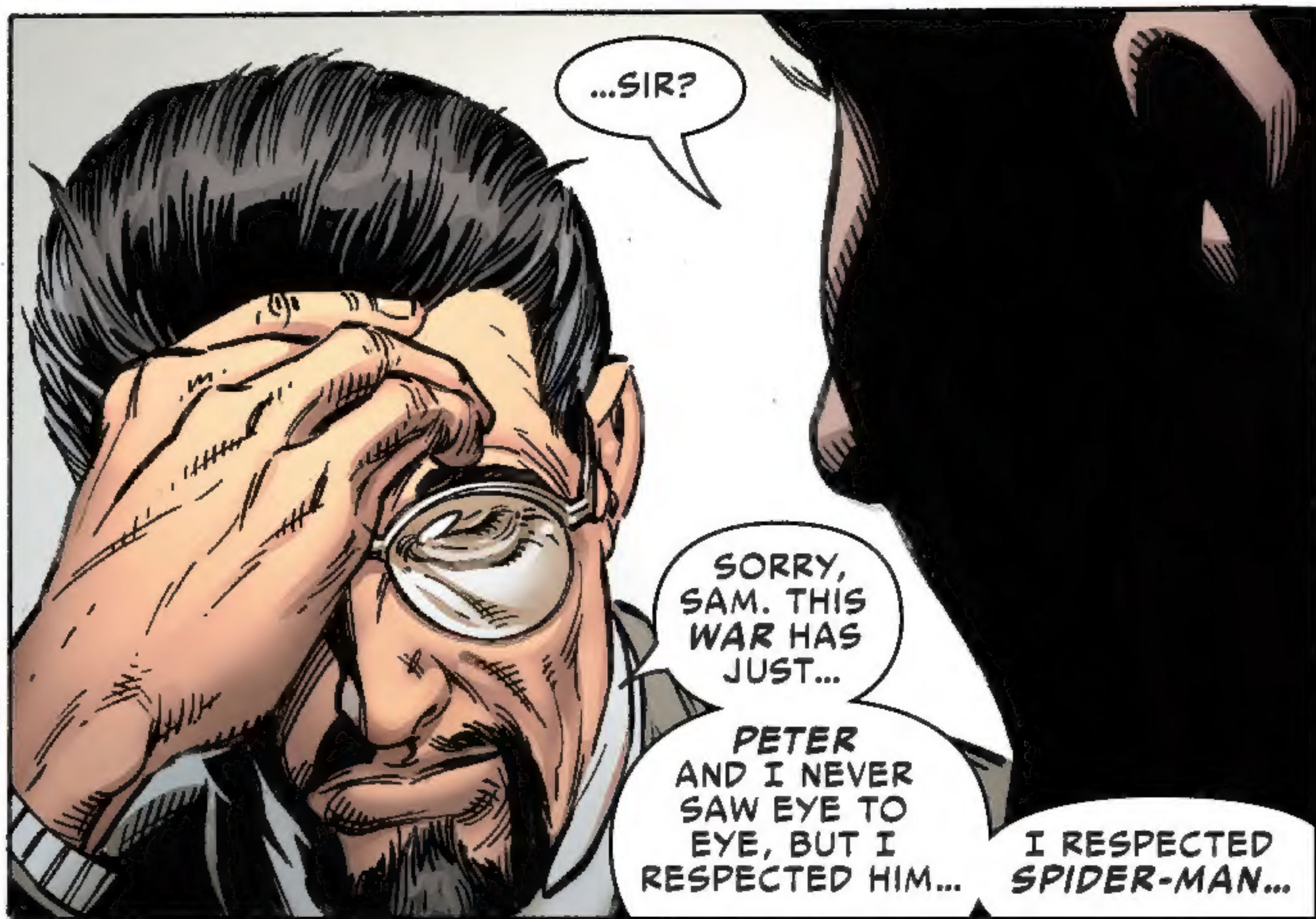
APPARENTLY, ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS UNREGISTERED HEROES ALSO BEING ONE OF MY BUSINESS RIVALS ISN'T PLAYING TOO WELL IN THE MEDIA...



THE CONSPIRACY-MINDED THINK THAT ME ENFORCING THE ACT AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS CLEARLY JUST TO RUIN MY COMPETITION AND GET RICHER.

IT'S NOT LIKE-- YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PARKER, SO--

I KNOW, BUT...BUT...



...SIR?

SORRY, SAM. THIS WAR HAS JUST...

PETER AND I NEVER SAW EYE TO EYE, BUT I RESPECTED HIM...

I RESPECTED SPIDER-MAN...



ANY WORD ON THE BATTLE IN JERSEY?

WELL, CAPTAIN AMERICA'S MEN RETREATED, SO THAT'S GOOD. AND DAREDEVIL WAS FINALLY CAPTURED, BUT THERE'S...SOME BAD NEWS...

TURNS OUT HE'S A, UH, BLIND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER. IT'S LOCKED DOWN, BUT--



OH, FOR-- THE MEDIA'S GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY IF THAT GETS OUT...

SECRETARY STARK!



THE DAILY BUGLE JUST BROKE A STORY...



"...ABOUT
PETER
PARKER!"

...POSSIBLY TIME
LATER TODAY? FOR
A FULLER ACCOUNT
OF--

I'M SORRY...I STILL
NEED TO DO DAMAGE
CONTROL AT PARKER
INDUSTRIES AND--

LET
THE MAN BE,
MARYAM...



...HE GAVE US
THE SCOOP ALREADY.
GO GET COMMENTS
FROM THE POLICE FOR
A FOLLOW-UP WHILE
MR. PARKER AND
I CHAT, 'KAY?



THANKS FOR
RUNNING THE
STORY, BETTY.
APPRECIATE
IT.

NO, THANK YOU. WE
HAVEN'T HAD SUCH A
SPIKE ONLINE SINCE,
WELL, LAST WEEK WHEN
YOU "DIED."

IT'S
A CRAZY
STORY,
PETE...



A CLONE OF YOU? WITH
SPIDER-MAN'S POWERS? IT'S
ALMOST...UNBELIEVABLE.

LOOK, HALF THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
BUY THIS, AND THE OTHER HALF WON'T.
AND THEY'LL DO SOME DIGGING. LINING
UP SPIDER-MAN'S PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS
WITH PETER PARKER'S.

HECK,
IT MIGHT
BE US AT
THE BUGLE
DOING
IT.



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO DO, PETE.
WHO THAT GUY
REALLY
WAS.

BUT THE
GENIE'S
OUT OF THE
BOTTLE,
"SPIDER-
MAN"...

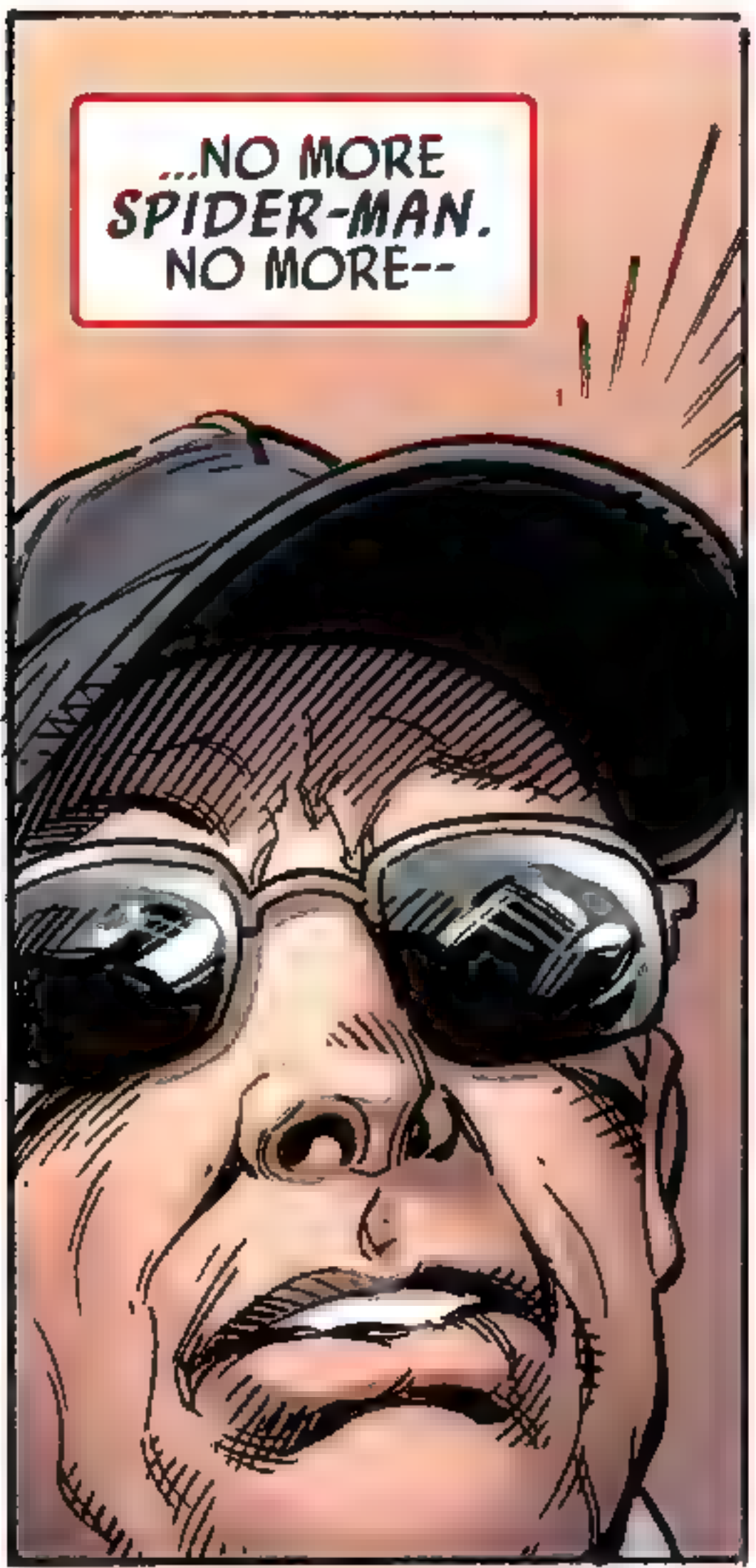


"...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING BACK IN."

BETTY'S RIGHT. ALL I'M DOING IS BUYING TIME. AND HOPEFULLY DRAWING MORLUN OUT.



I KNOW *CLAIRE* IS RIGHT, TOO. THAT I NEED TO *STOP* HIM BEFORE ANYONE ELSE GETS HURT. BUT AFTER THAT...

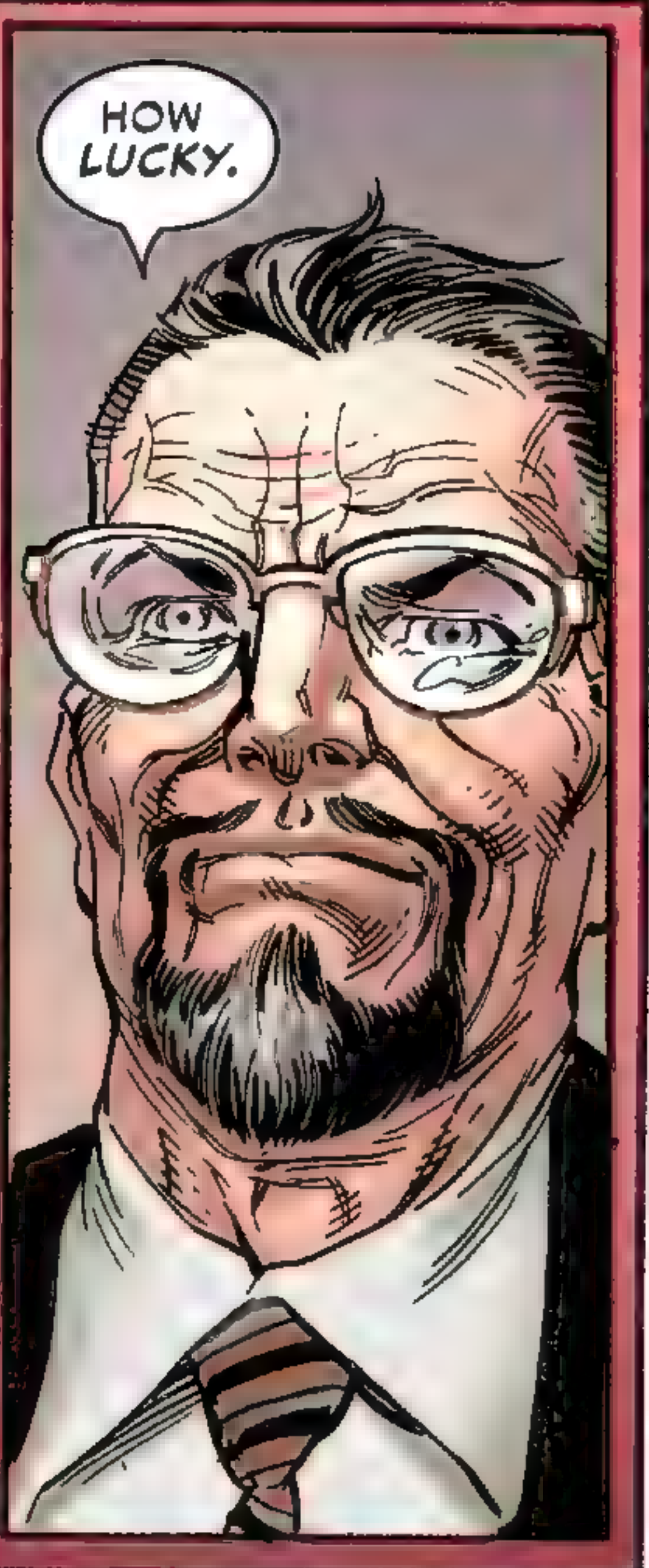


...NO MORE *SPIDER-MAN*. NO MORE--

--CONFLICT.

HELLO, PETER.

BACK FROM THE DEAD, EH?



HOW LUCKY.

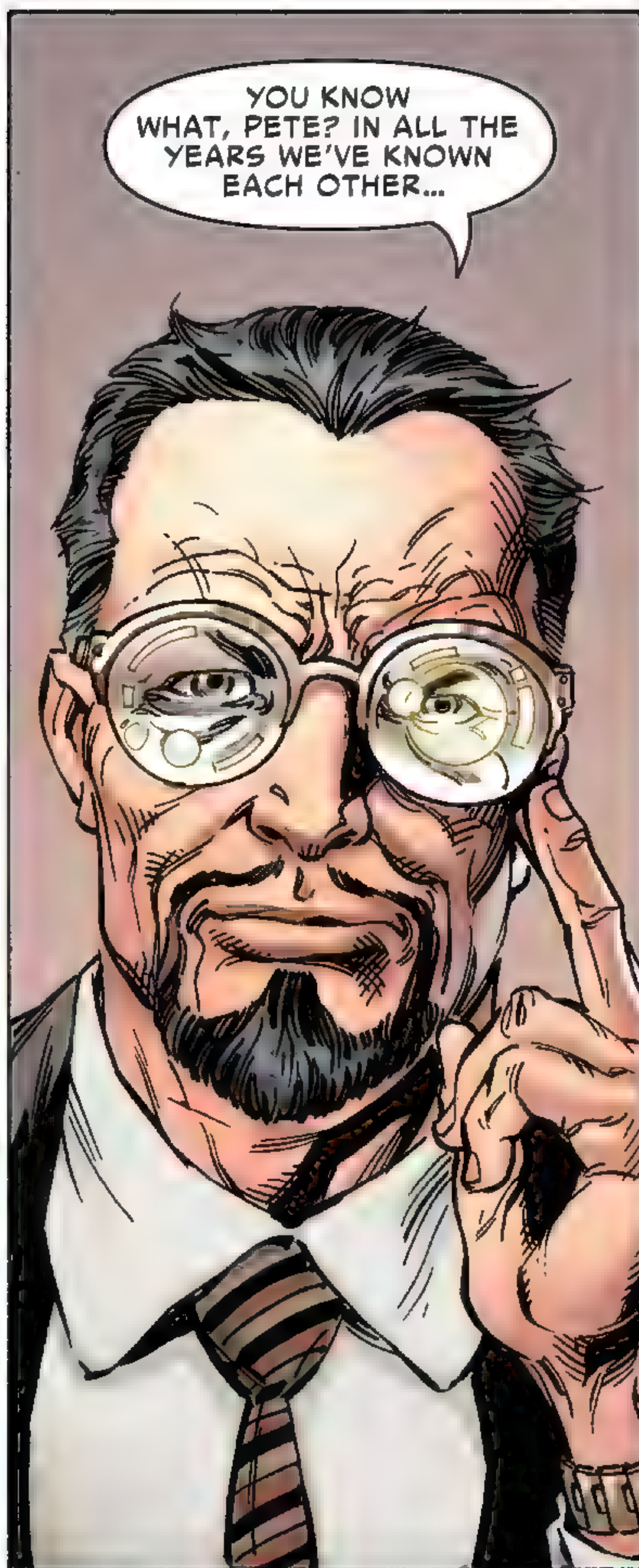




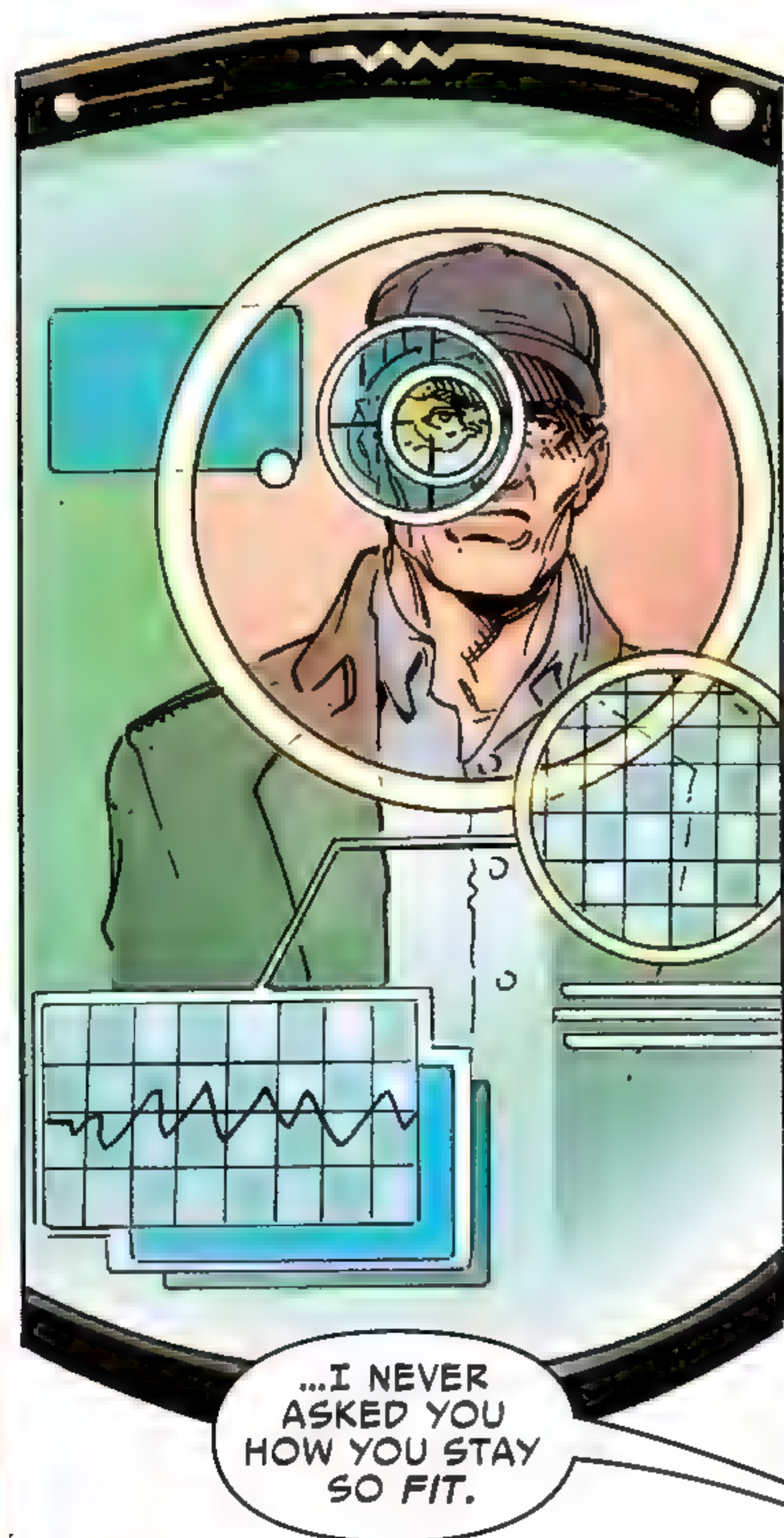
BEEN A WHILE. OR MAYBE IT **HASN'T**. HARD TO TELL WHEN **CLONES** ARE INVOLVED.

I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU A **DEAL**. A **GOOD** ONE. THE **ONLY** ONE.

I'M HERE TO RUN MY COMPANY, TONY. I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR WHATEVER YOU'RE PEDDLING.



YOU KNOW WHAT, PETE? IN ALL THE YEARS WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER...



...I NEVER ASKED YOU HOW YOU STAY SO FIT.



JAZZERCISE.

YOUR SKIN HAS A **DENSITY** THAT'S TEN TIMES WHAT A NORMAL PERSON'S IS. YOUR LEG MUSCLES BARELY HAVE TO EXERT ANYTHING WHILE YOU WALK.

AND YOU GIVE OFF JUST THE FAINTEST WHIFF OF **RADIATION**...



...SPIDER-MAN.

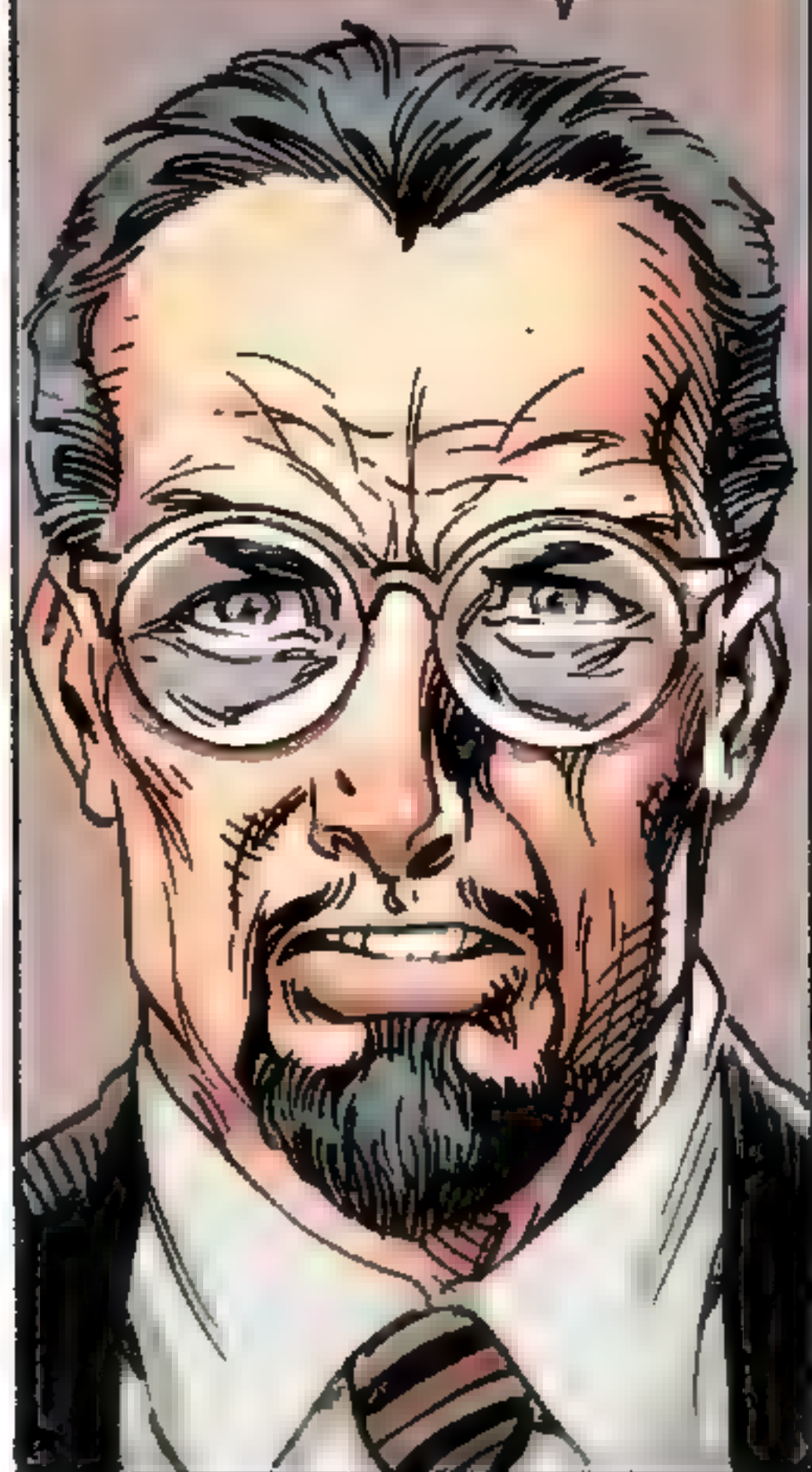
THIS CIVIL WAR IS GETTING **WORSE**, PETER. STEVE ROGERS AND HIS "**RESISTANCE**" ARE GETTING PEOPLE HURT, WHILE OUR ENEMIES ARE **EMBOLDENED** AS **HEROES** FIGHT **HEROES**.

IT'S ALL **OLD** MEN, PETE. THEY'RE THE PROBLEM. THEY'RE ALWAYS THE PROBLEM. THE **KIDS** FELL IN LINE. EITHER OUT OF A SENSE OF **DUTY**, OR **FEAR**, THEY REGISTERED.



YOU'RE A MAN WHO RUNS A COMPANY. YOU KNOW THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE **STRUCTURE**, **LAWS** TO KEEP THINGS IN CHECK, OR IT ALL FALLS APART. THAT'S WHAT I'M OFFERING YOU. OFFERING **AMERICA**.

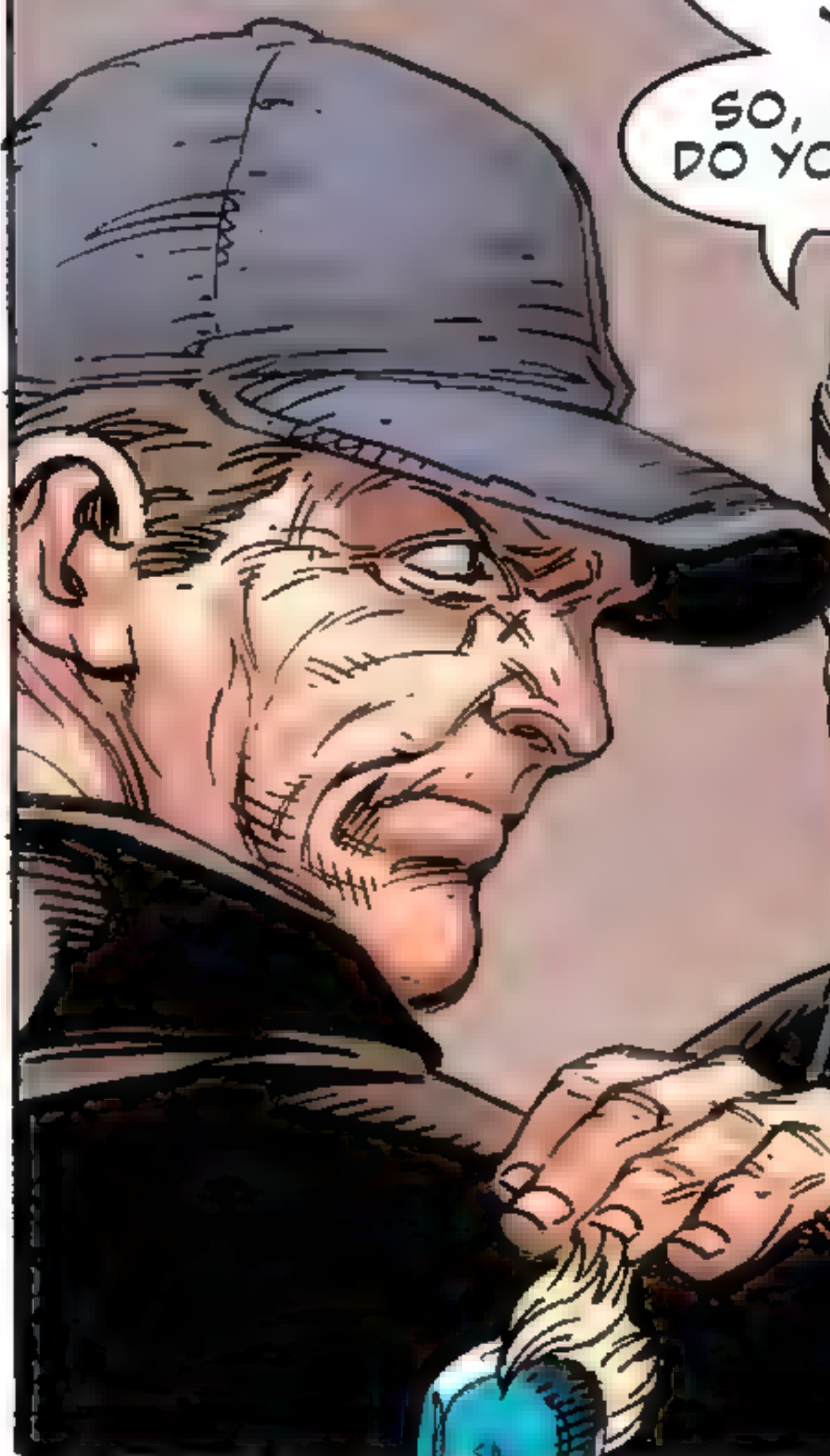
BECAUSE YOU *DIDN'T* REGISTER UNDER THE *SUPERHUMAN ACT*, WE HAVE GROUNDS TO SEIZE YOUR ASSETS AS THEY MAY HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY ACQUIRED THROUGH POWERS.



LIKE, DID YOUR SECRET "*SPIDER-SENSE*" STOP YOU FROM MAKING BAD BUSINESS CHOICES? IT'S LIKE *INSIDER TRADING* THROUGH *SUPER-POWERS*...

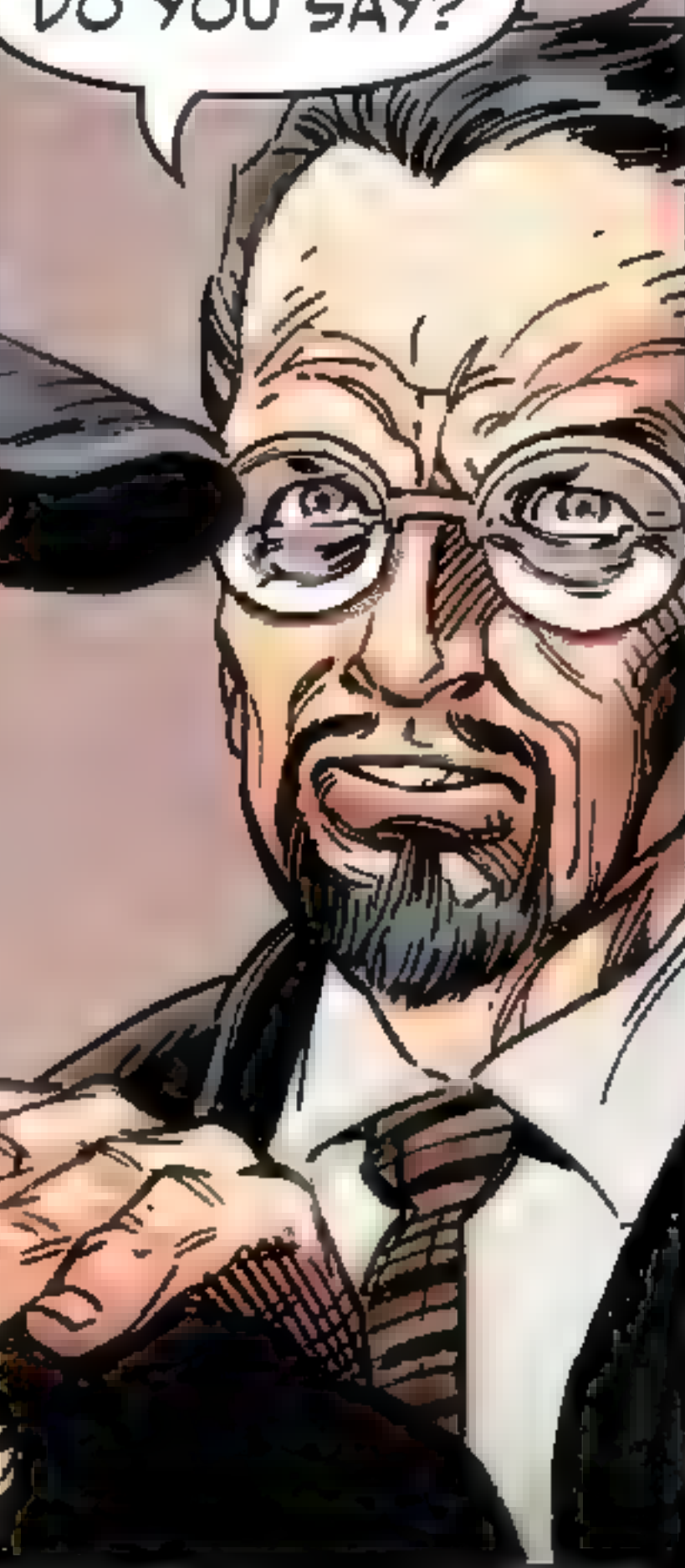


BUT I CAN GRANT YOU *AMNESTY*. YOU CAN PASS OFF YOUR COMPANY SHARES TO YOUR FAMILY.



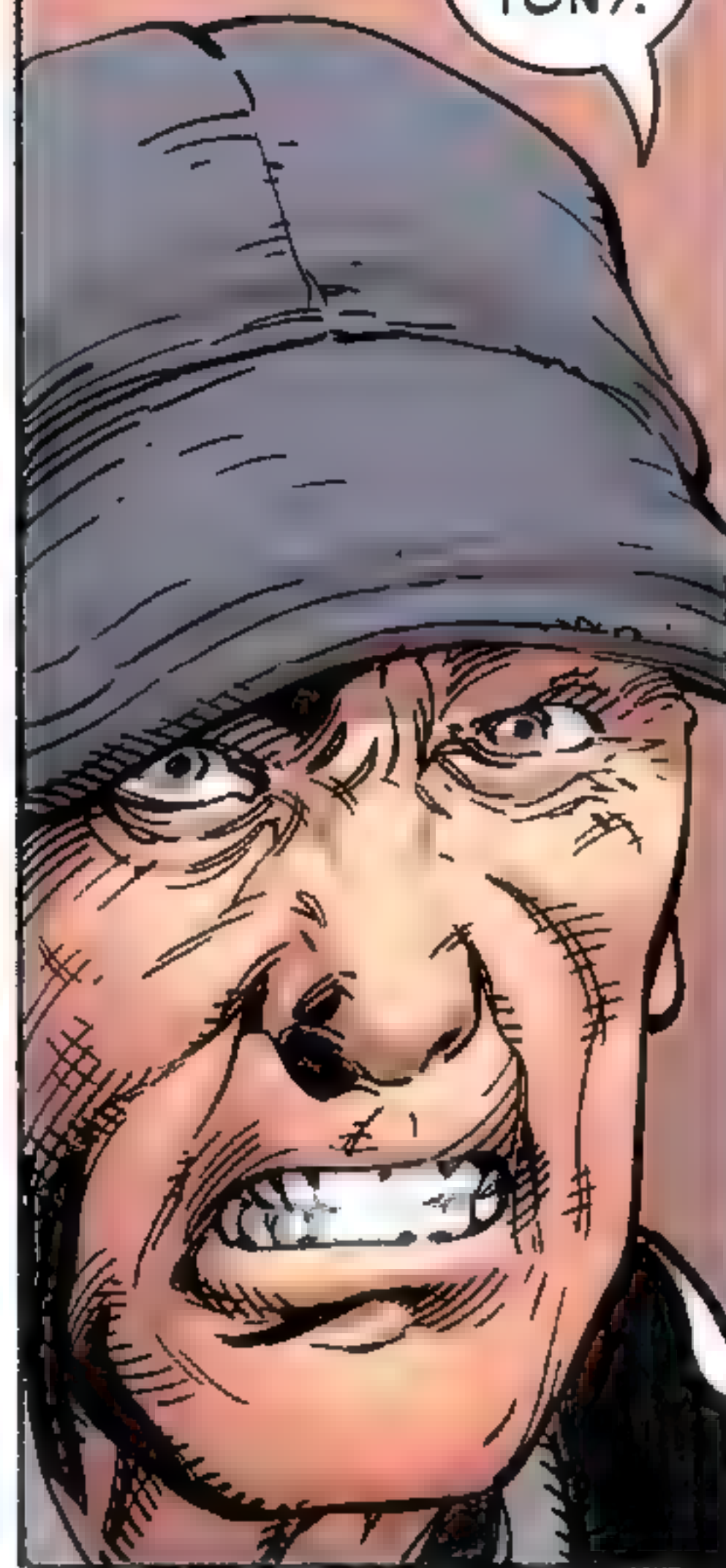
YOU JUST HAVE TO COME QUIETLY. RECEIVE TRAINING. BECOME A *U.S. AVENGER* ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND JUSTICE.

SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

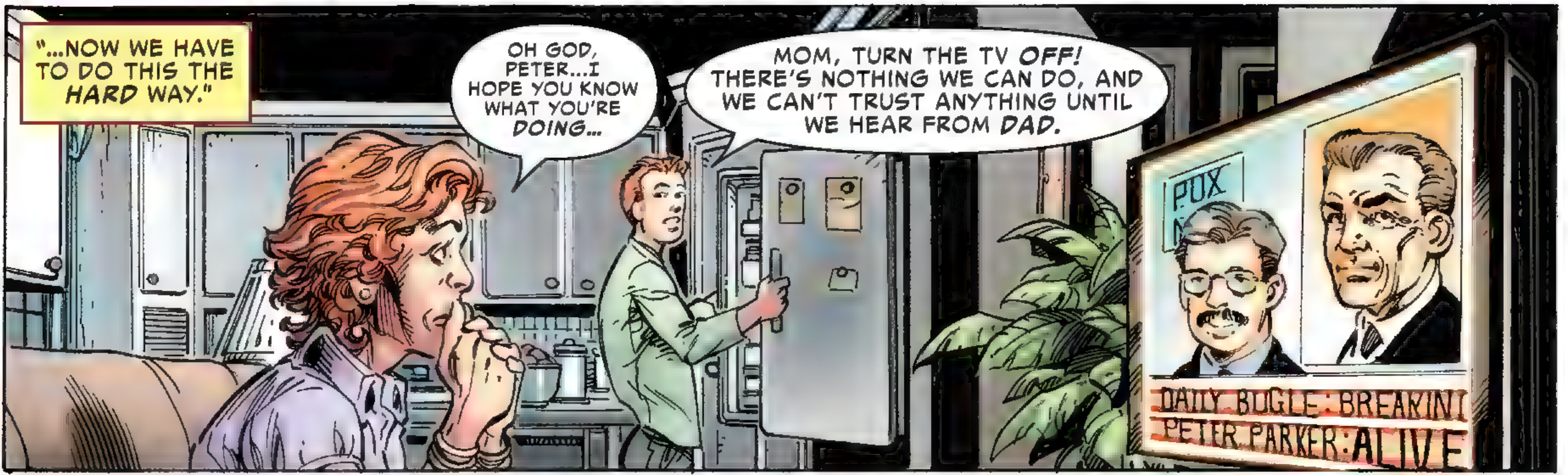


DO IT FOR MJ, FOR YOUR KIDS AND--

DROP DEAD, TONY.



REALLY WISH YOU HADN'T SAID THAT, PETE...



"...NOW WE HAVE TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY."

OH GOD, PETER...I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING...

MOM, TURN THE TV OFF! THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, AND WE CAN'T TRUST ANYTHING UNTIL WE HEAR FROM DAD.

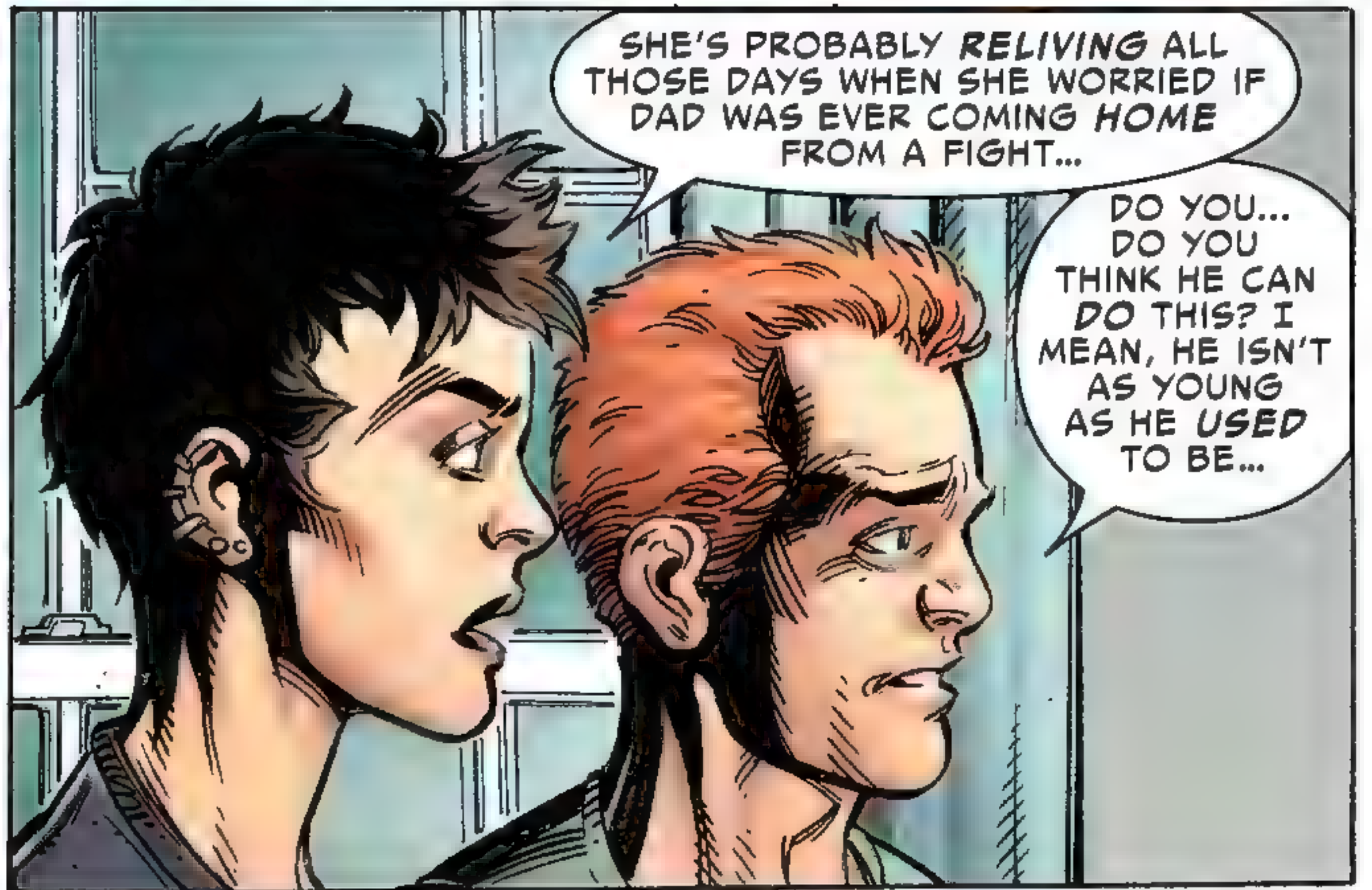
FOX
DAILY BUGLE: BREAKING!
PETER PARKER: ALIVE



SHE STILL HASN'T BUDGED?

NOT A BIT.

WELL, IT CAN'T BE EASY.



SHE'S PROBABLY RELIVING ALL THOSE DAYS WHEN SHE WORRIED IF DAD WAS EVER COMING HOME FROM A FIGHT...

DO YOU... DO YOU THINK HE CAN DO THIS? I MEAN, HE ISN'T AS YOUNG AS HE USED TO BE...



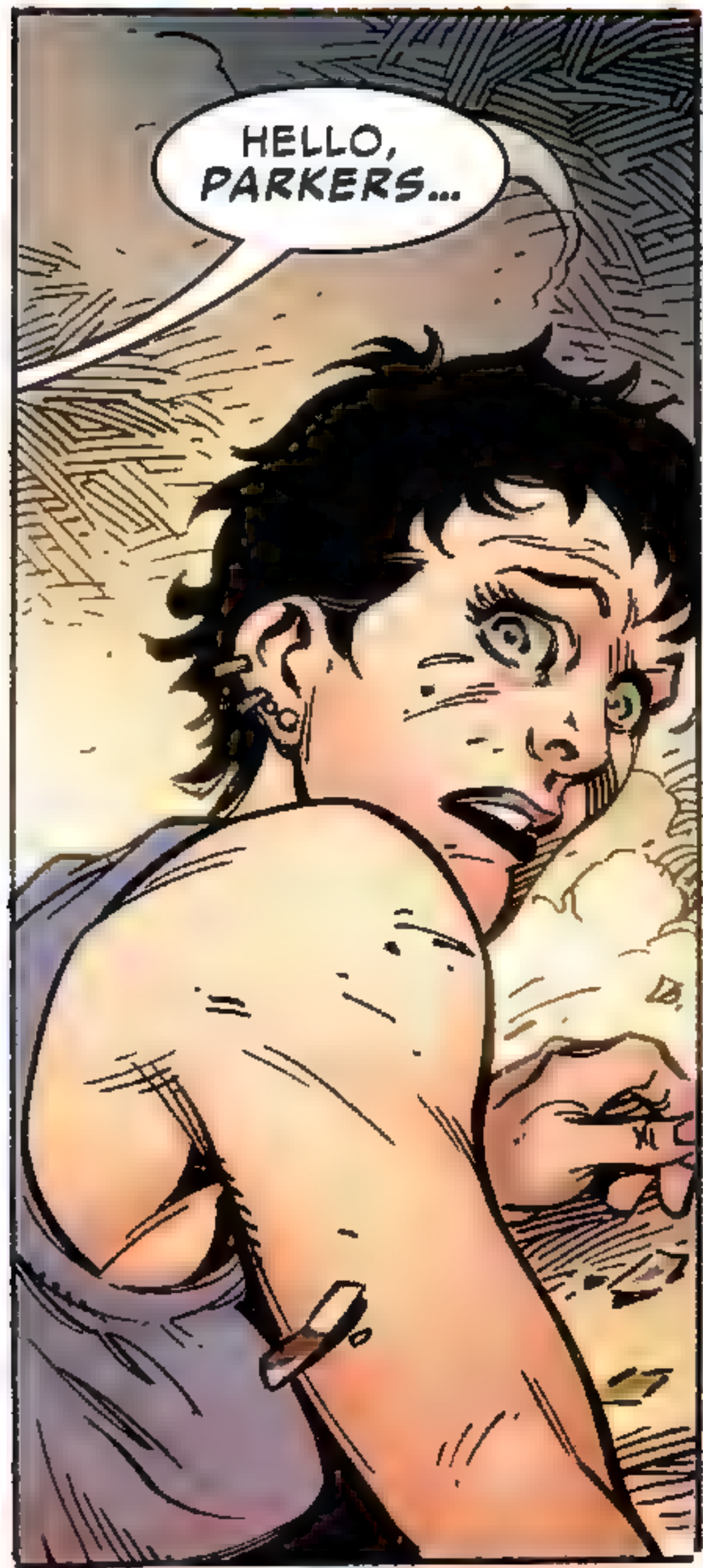
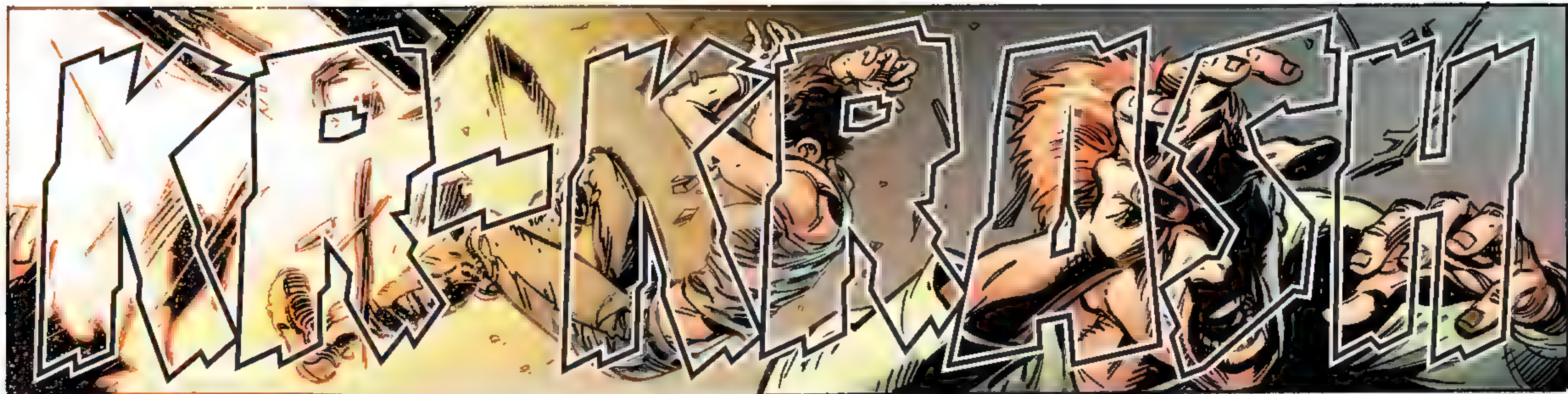
I DON'T...I DON'T KNOW. I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH HIM. ONLY ONE OF US NEEDED TO STAY HERE...

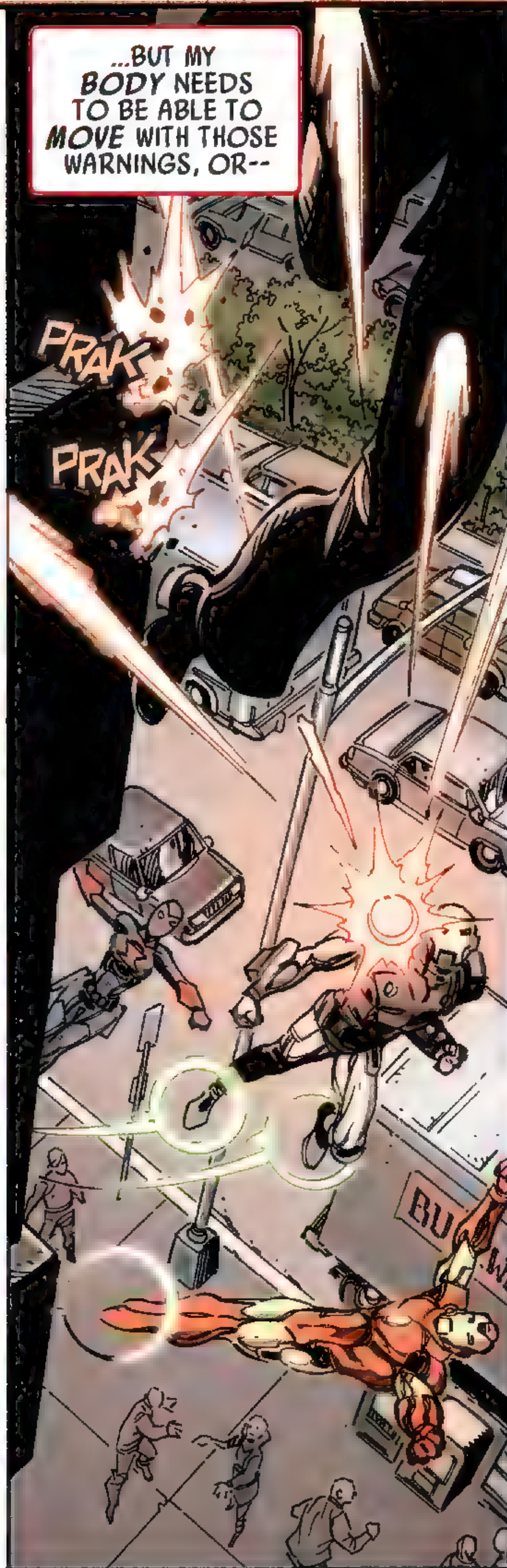
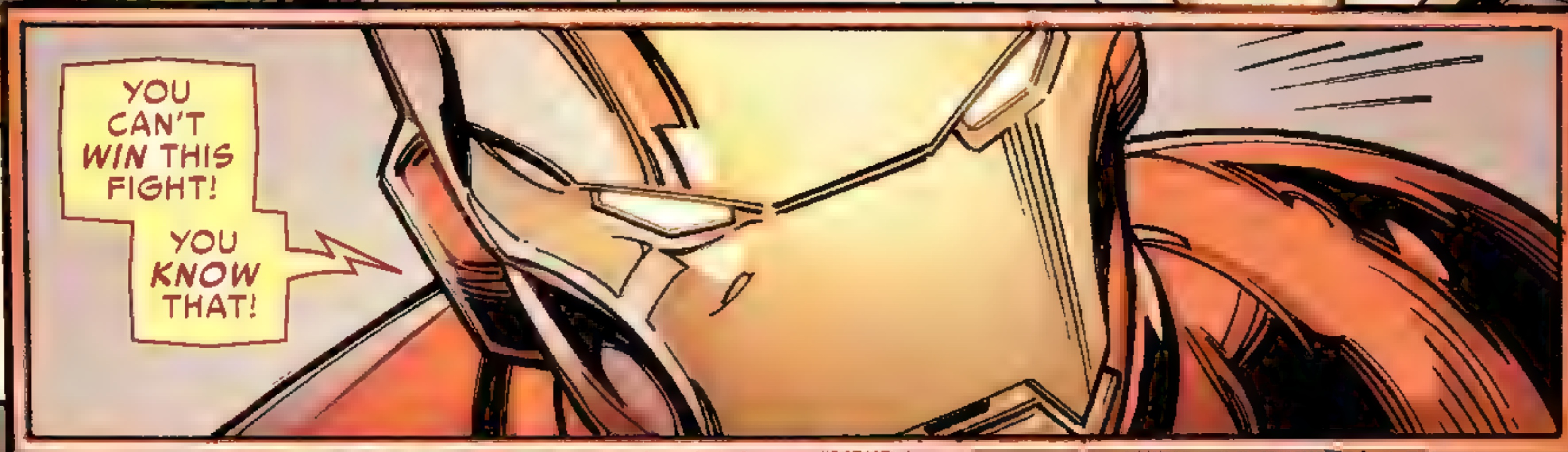


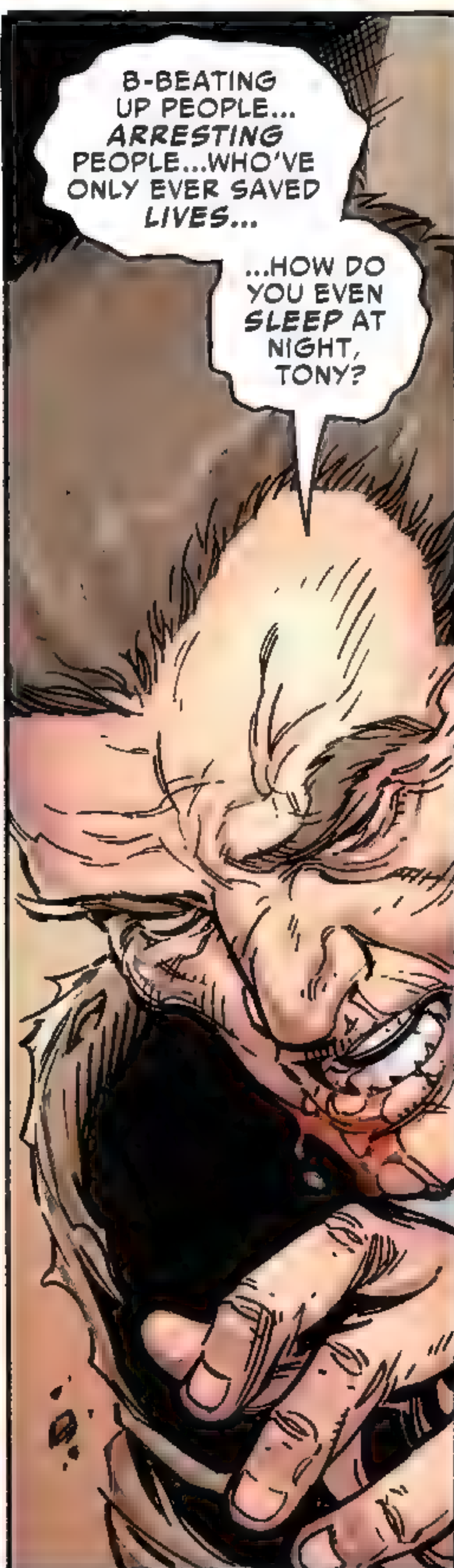
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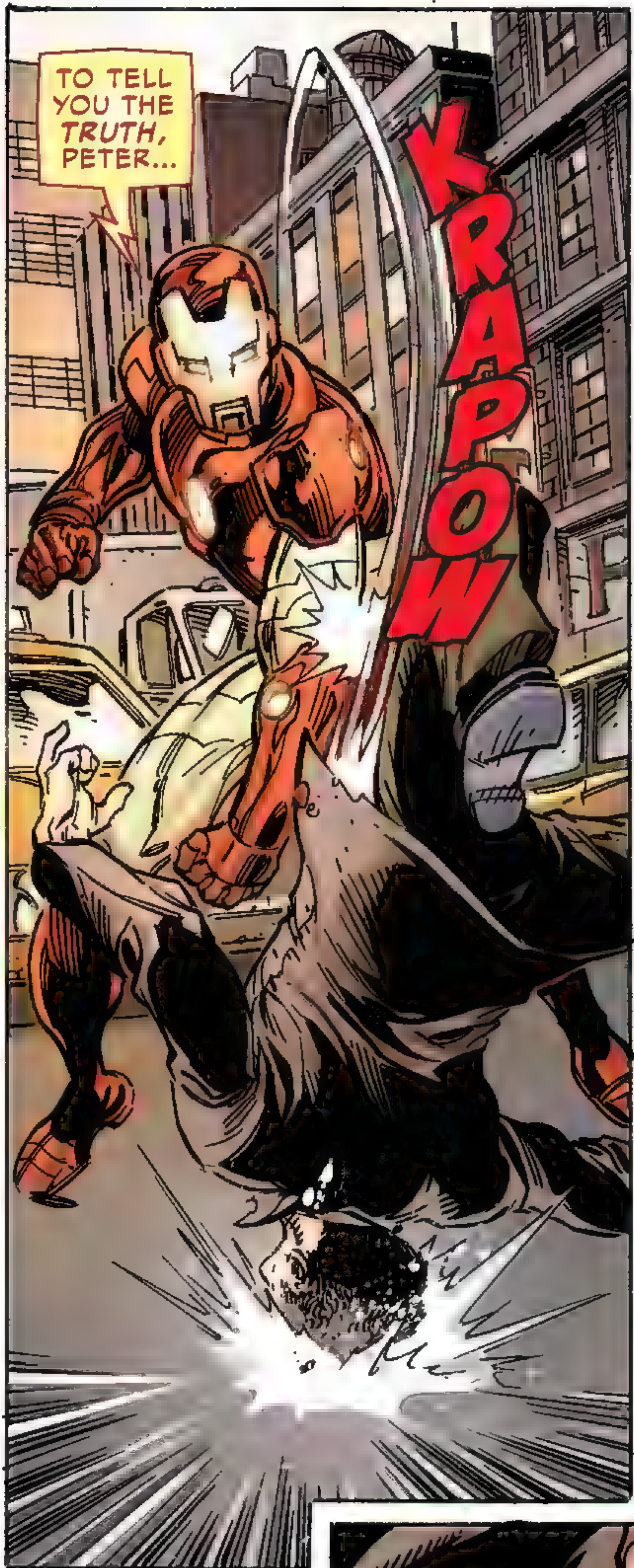


MOM!
BENJY!
GRAB MOM!
HEAD TO--



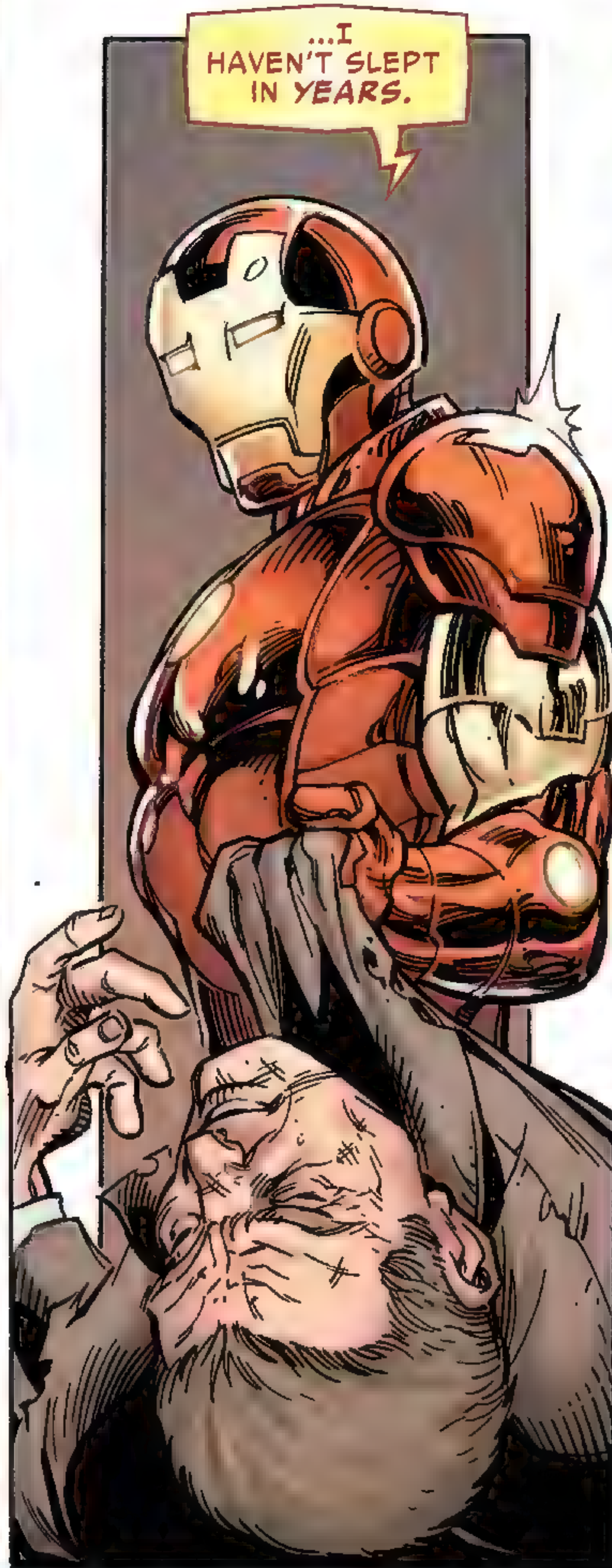






TO TELL
YOU THE
TRUTH,
PETER...

KRAPOW



...I
HAVEN'T SLEPT
IN YEARS.

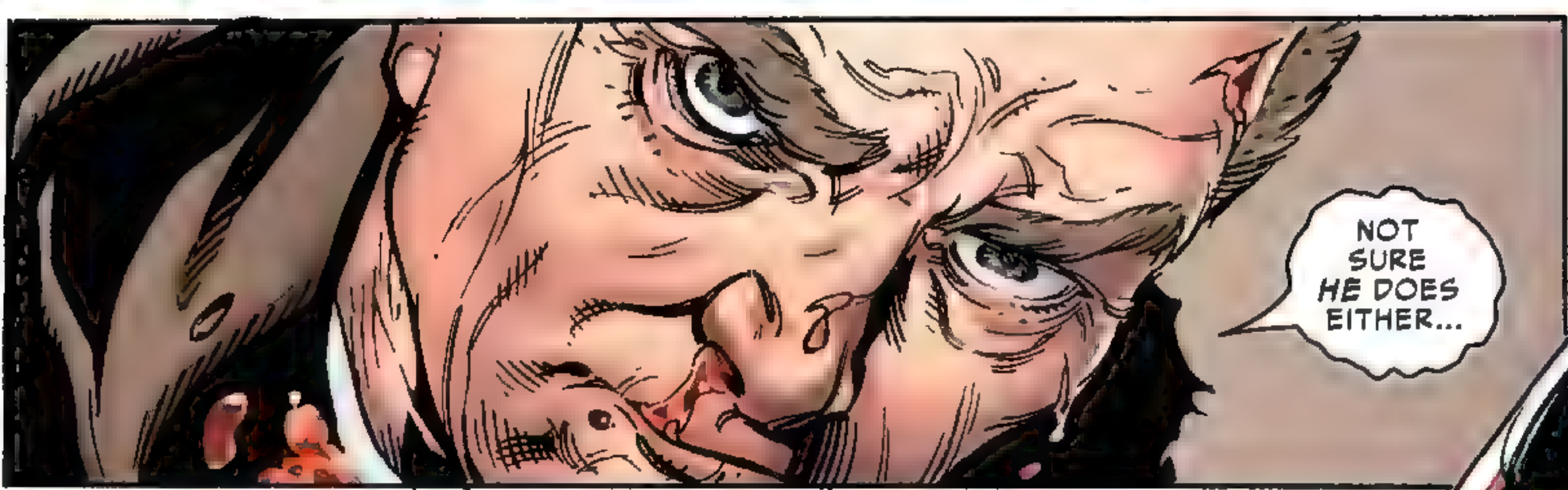


TOO MUCH
WORK TO DO.
TOO MANY
PEOPLE WHO
NEED HELP.

THAT'S WHAT
WE DO, PETER. A
UNIFIED FRONT.
KEEPING THE
WORLD SAFE.

HH.

N-NOT
SURE I
AGREE...



NOT
SURE
HE DOES
EITHER...



AVENGERS...







...THERE
WE GO.



A MESS.

I PROBABLY WANT
EVERYONE STILL
STANDING WHEN
MORLUN SHOWS UP...



...BUT I HAVE
TO TAKE
A SIDE.

I HAVE
TO DO THE
RIGHT
THING.



FOR
CAP.



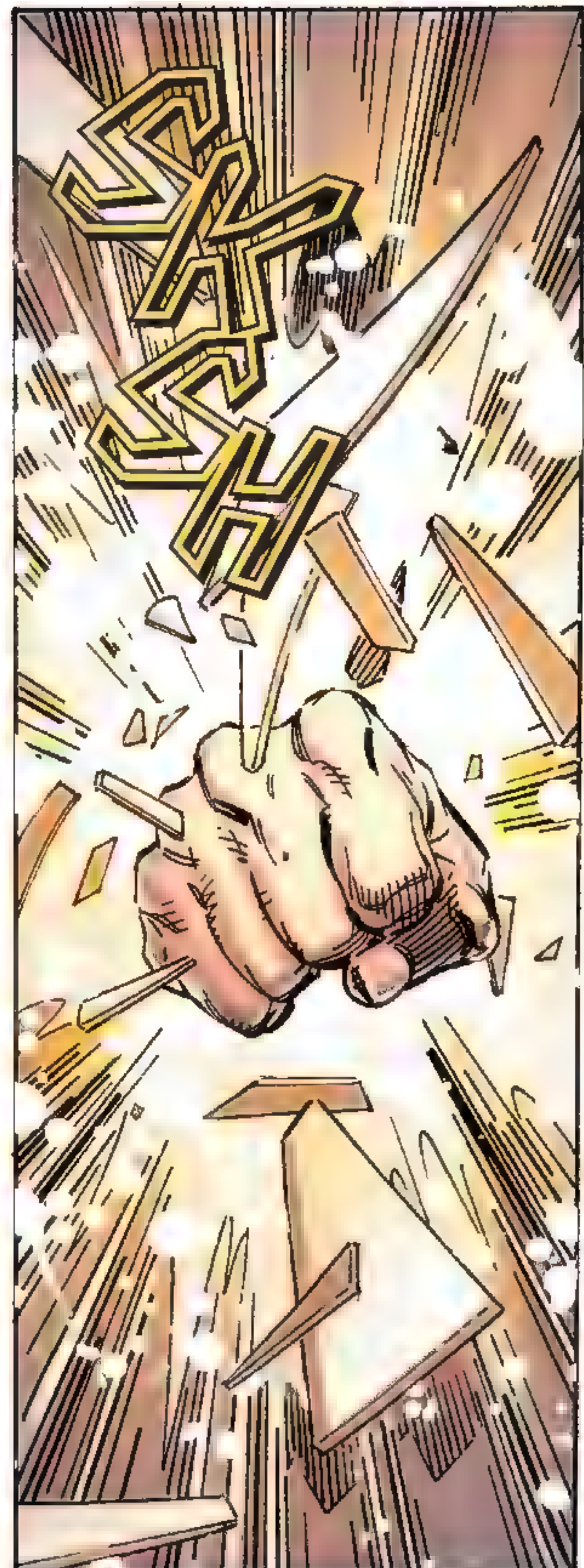
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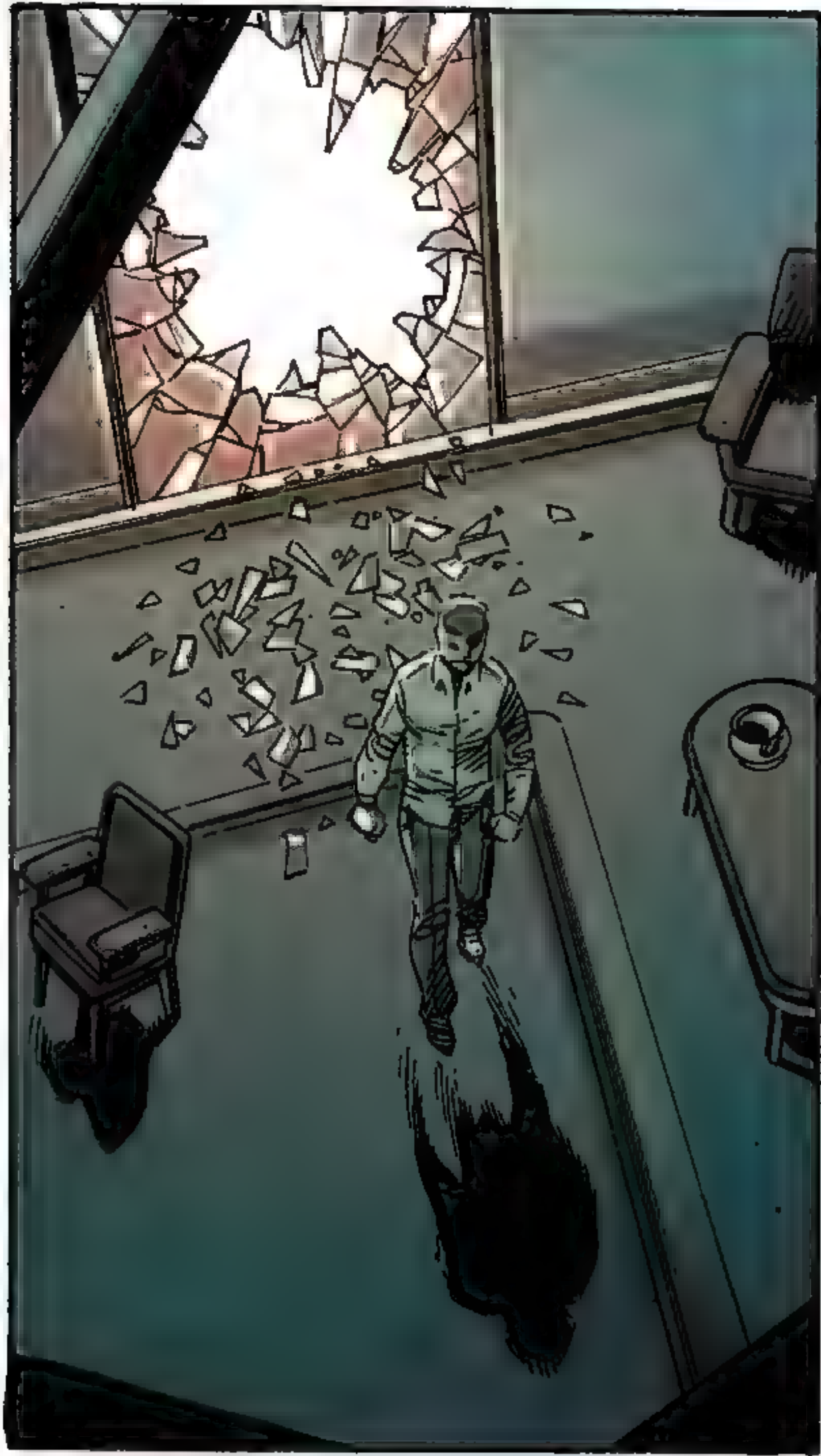


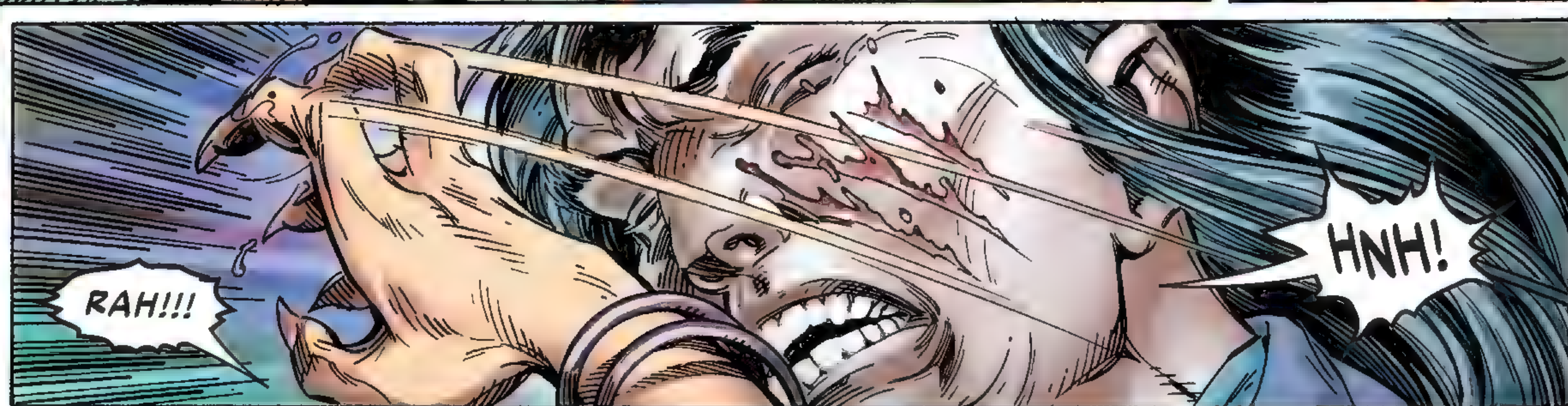
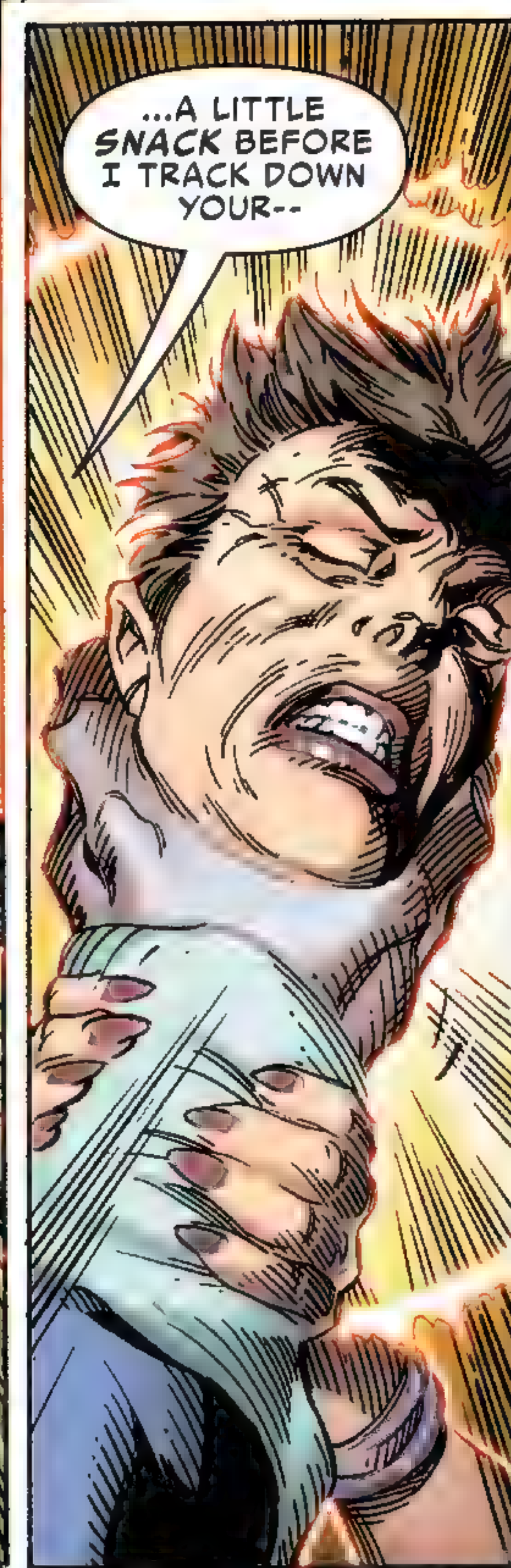
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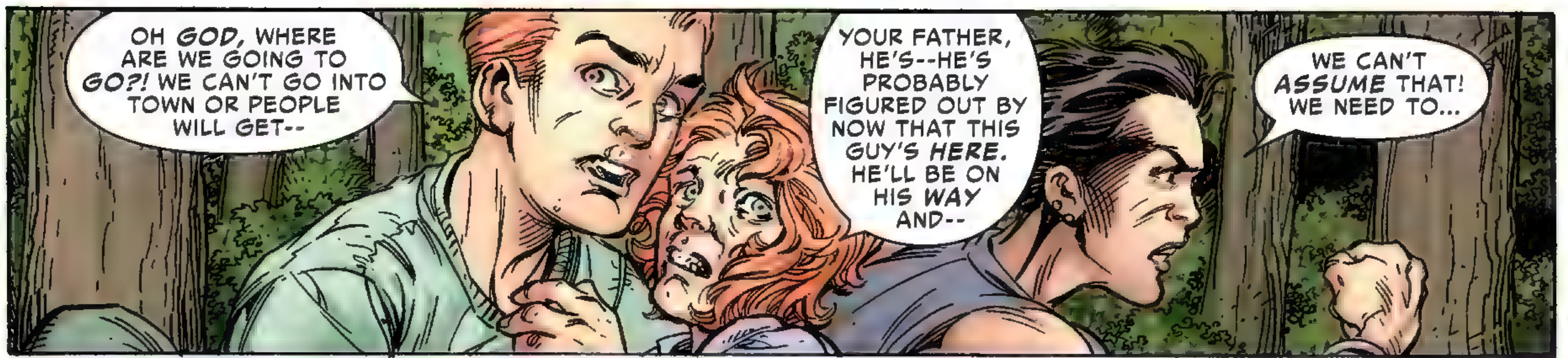


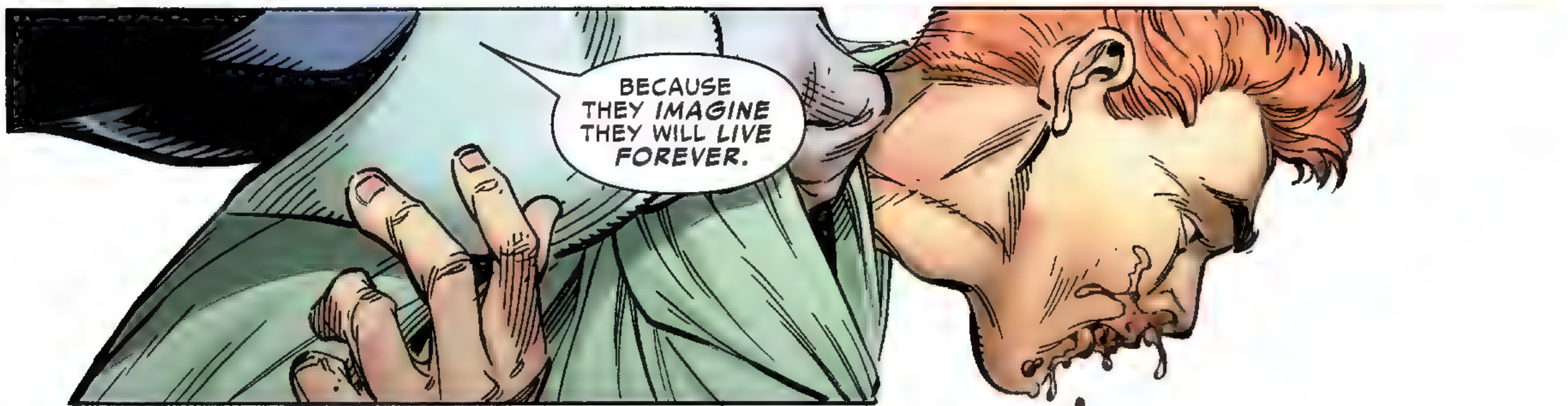
AND GOD
HELP ME, NO
MATTER HOW
MANY YEARS
PASS...

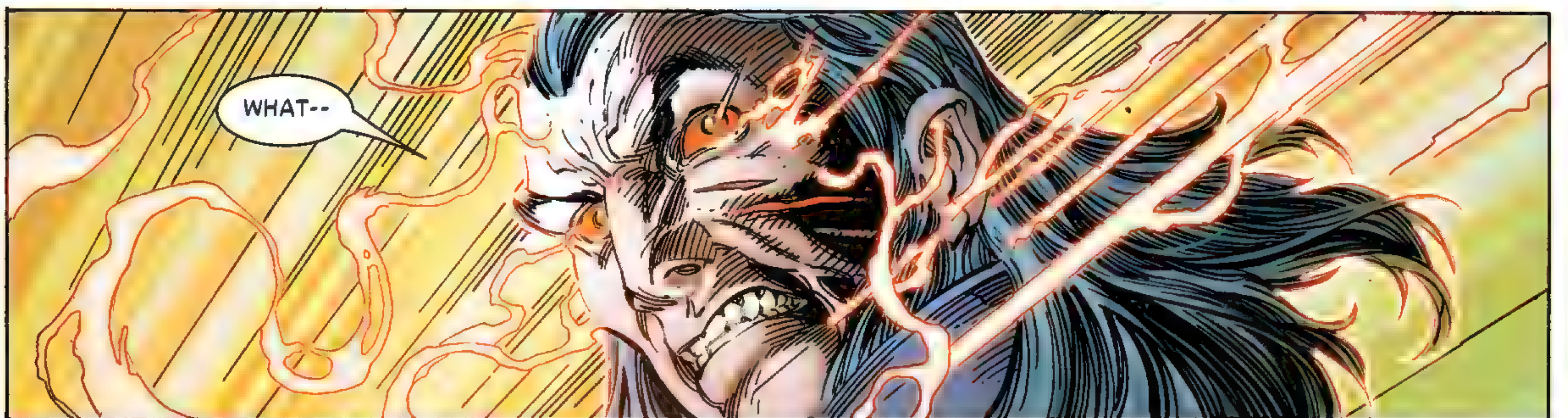
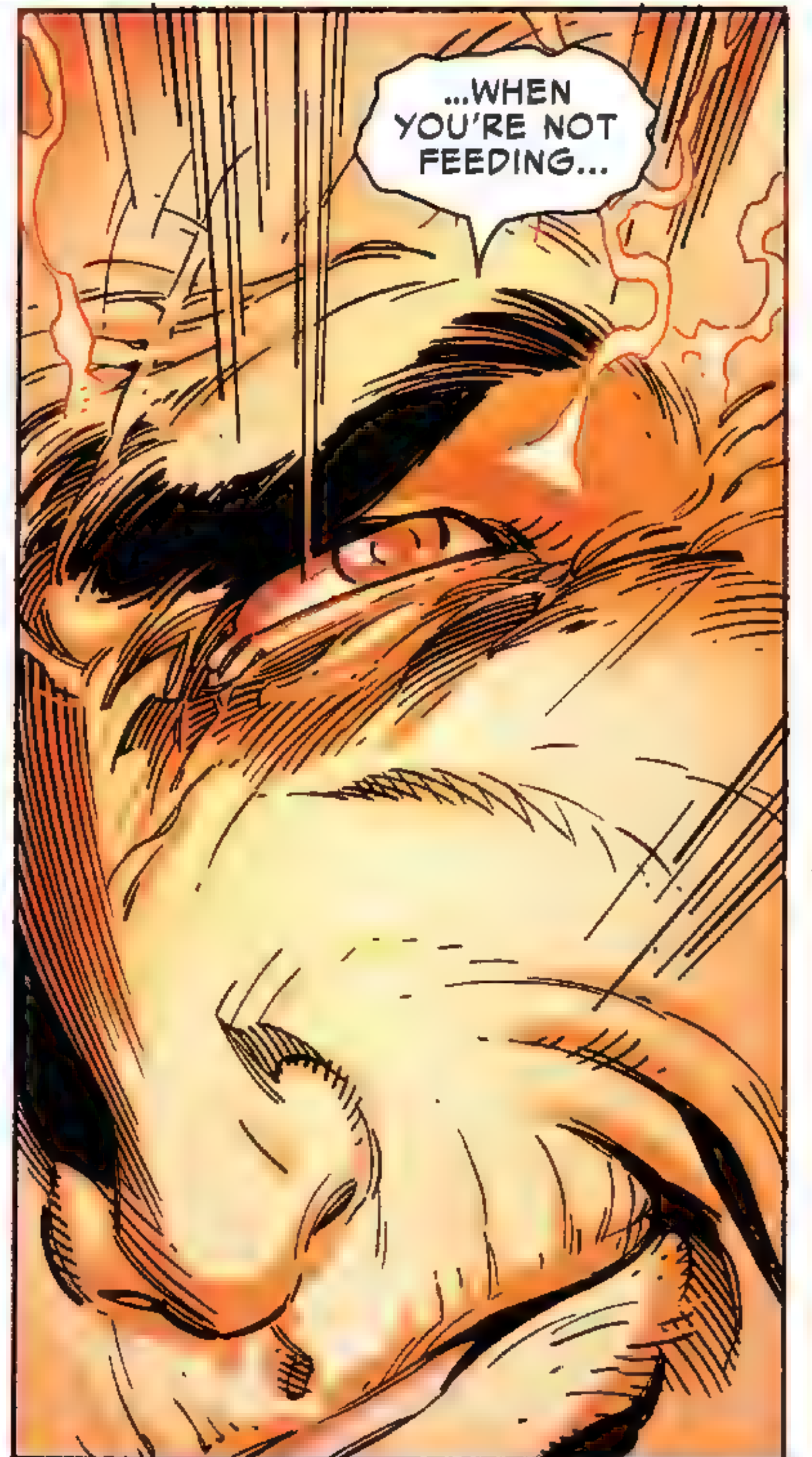
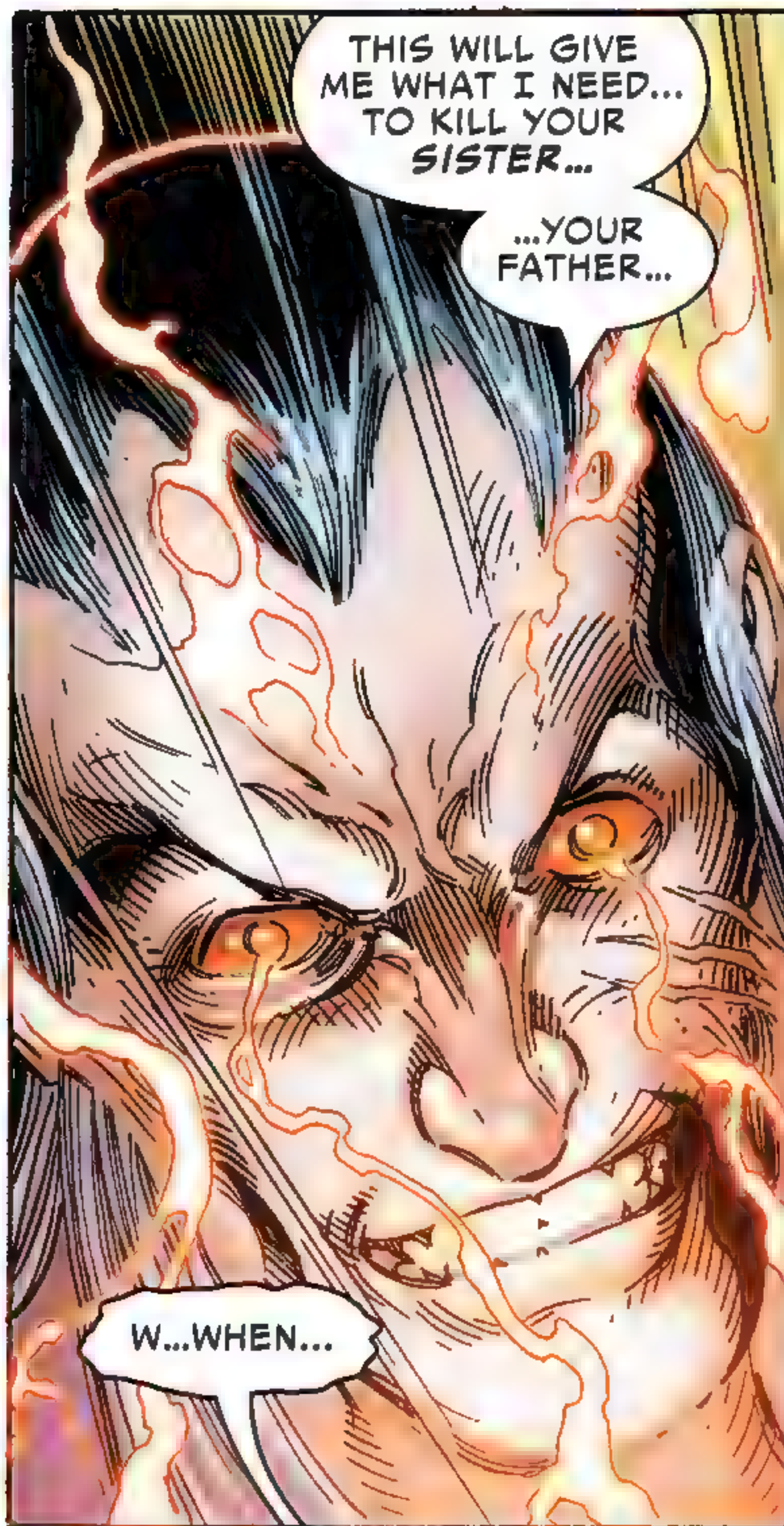
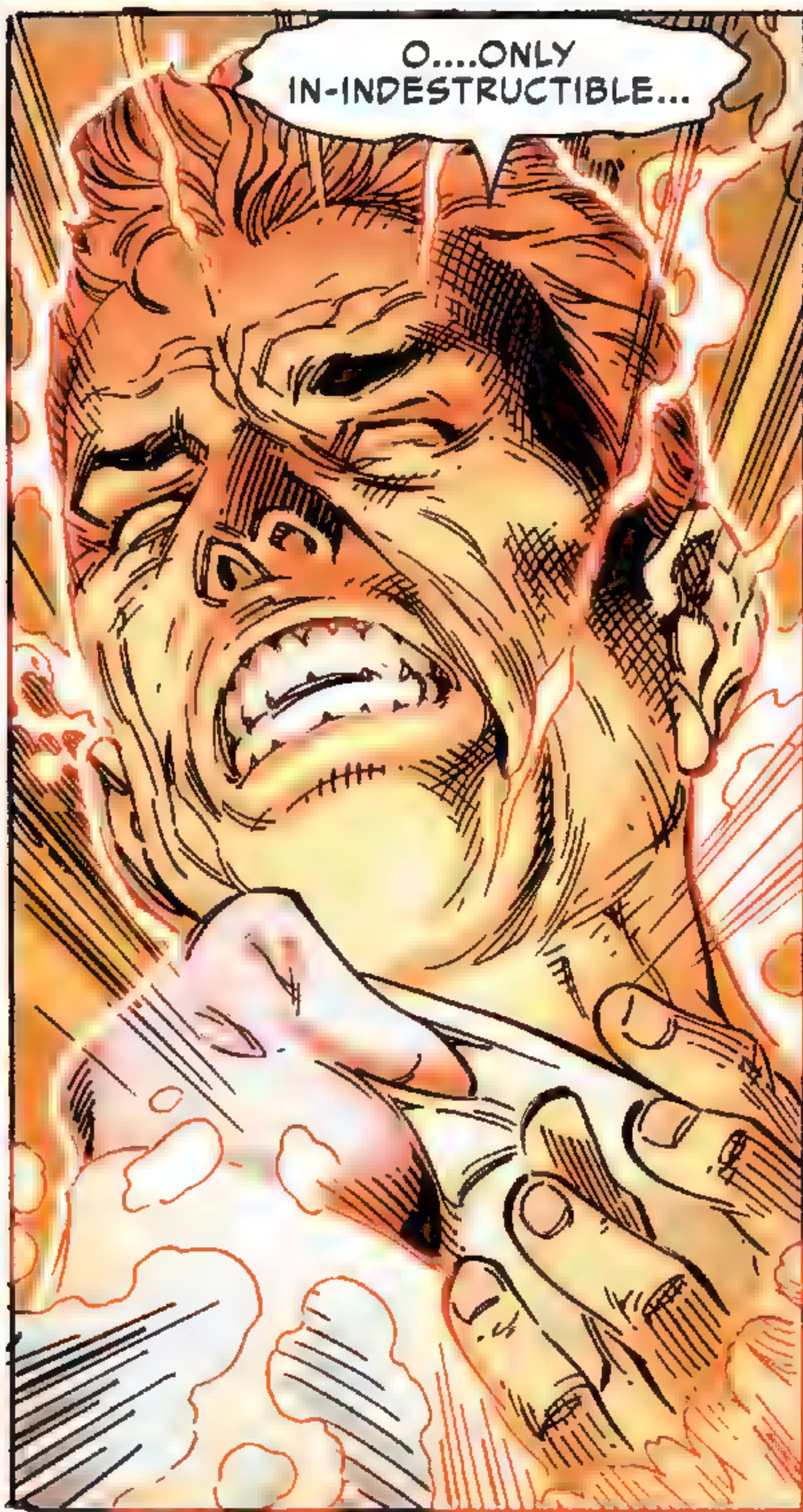
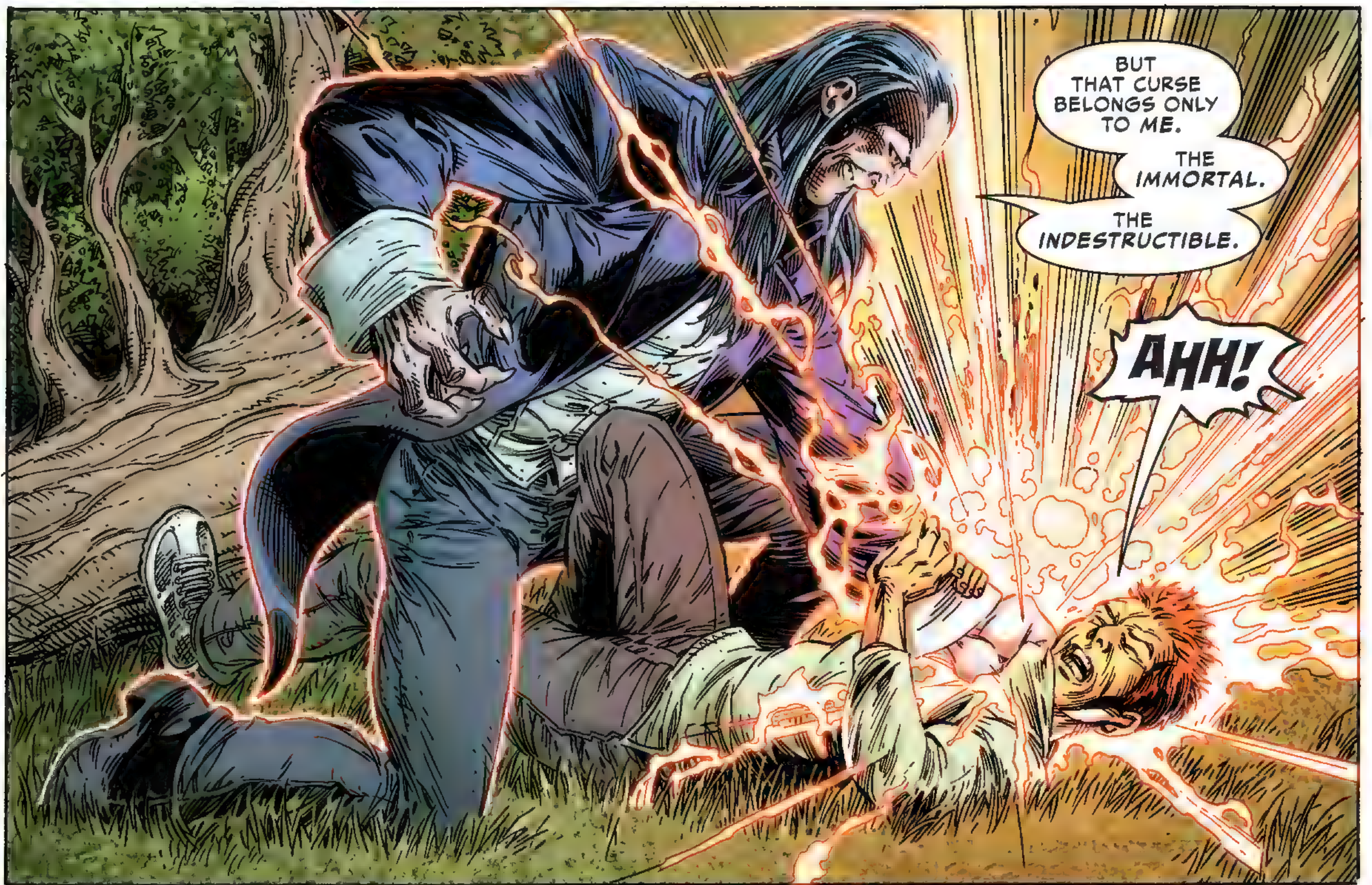


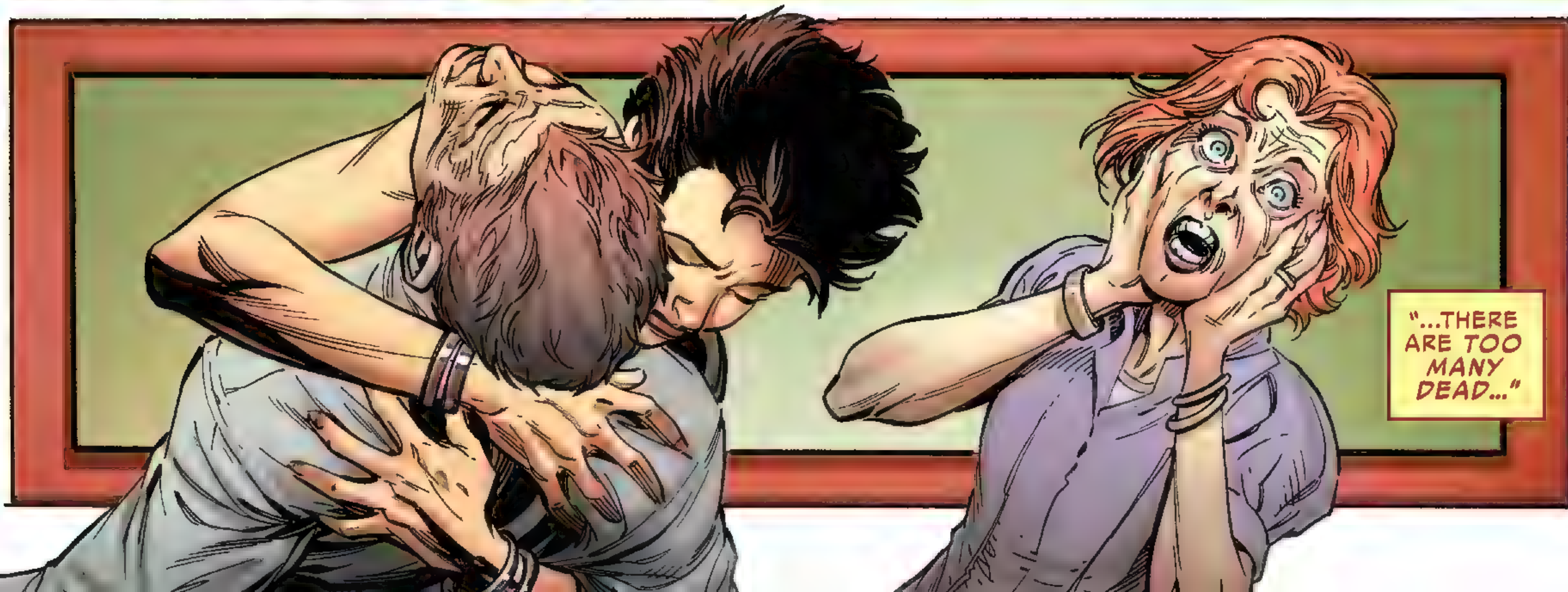
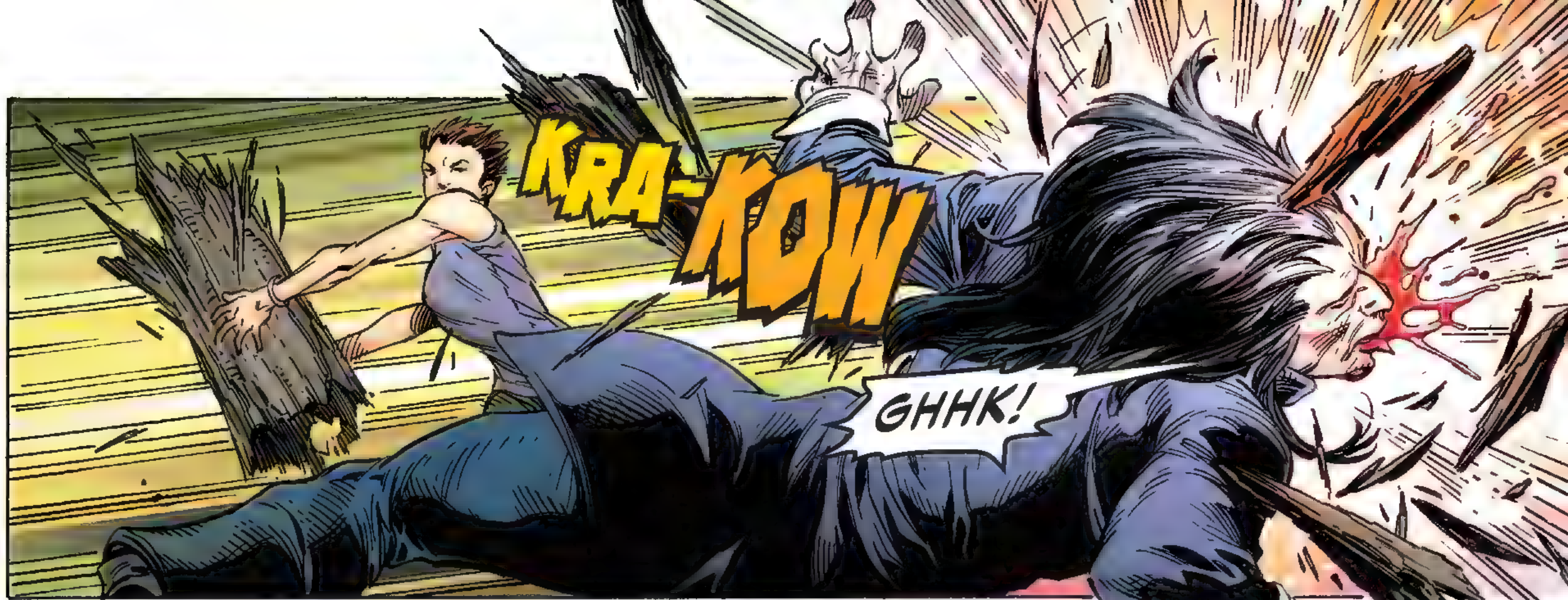


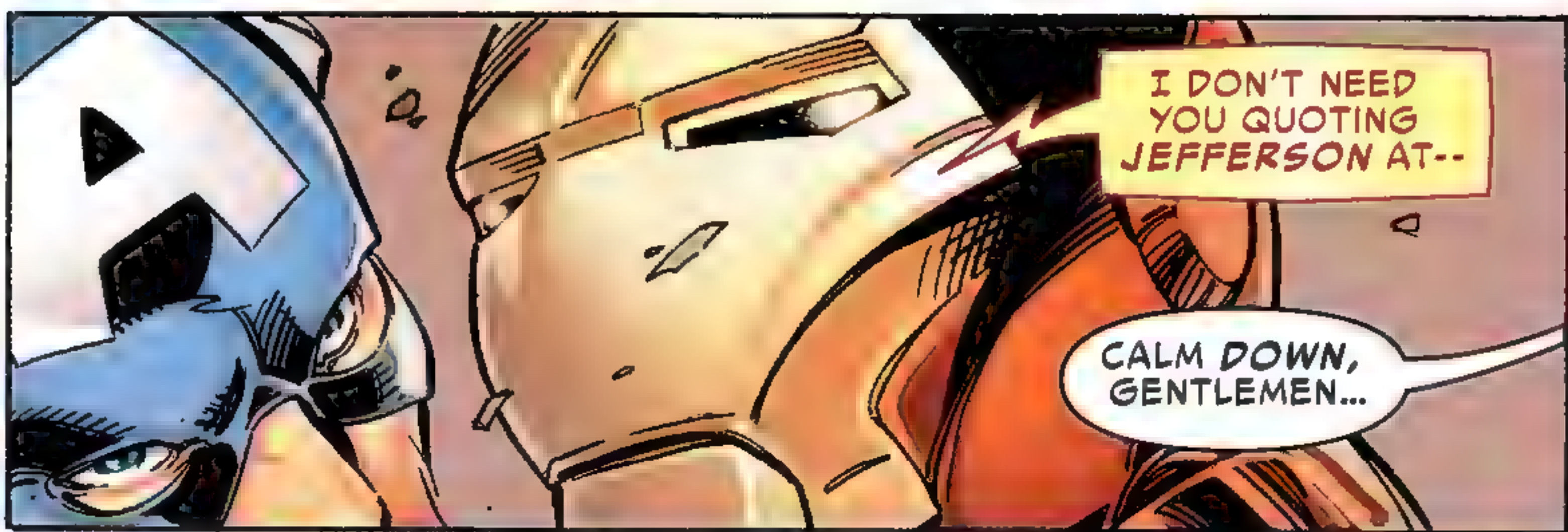
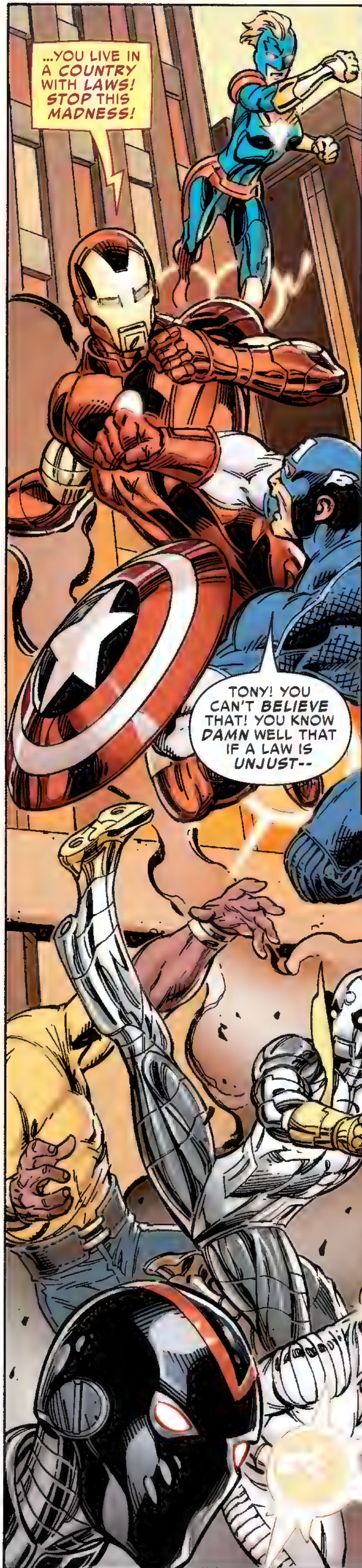
















YOU'RE AN IDIOT. BOTH OF YOU.

KIDS WITH SOME SCHOOLYARD SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG.

YOU WANT SOME NEW LAYER OF SOCIETY, WHERE GODS DO WHAT THEY WANT, POLICED ONLY BY...WHO, EXACTLY? OTHER GODS? YOU THINK YOU'RE ABOVE EVERYONE.



WELL, THE PEOPLE ARE SICK OF IT. THEY'RE SICK OF THE ENDLESS DESTRUCTION AS YOU DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

YOU TWO ARE THE BEST OF US, SO YOU CAN'T IMAGINE BYSTANDERS GETTING HURT, OR NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.

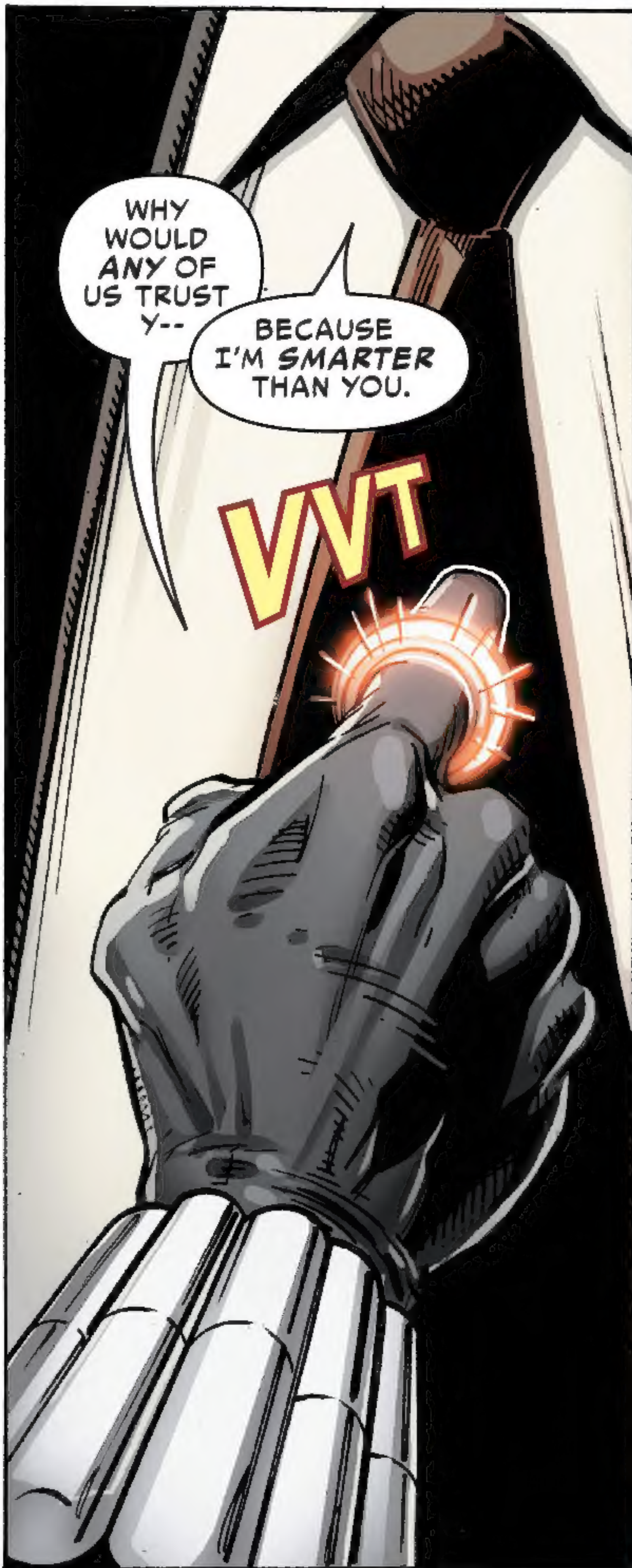
BUT THE SUPER-HUMAN ACT ISN'T ABOUT THE BEST OF US, IT'S ABOUT THE REST OF US.



AND COHESION. THE WORLD'S GETTING MORE AND MORE DANGEROUS. WE CAN'T HAVE INDIVIDUALS WITH POWERS JUST GOING OFF ON THEIR OWN AS THE WORLD FACES--

SHUT. UP.

I WON'T BE AT YOUR BECK AND CALL JUST BECAUSE OF WHO I AM, TONY! YOU JUST PROVED TODAY THAT YOU CAN'T BE TRUSTED!



WHY WOULD ANY OF US TRUST Y--

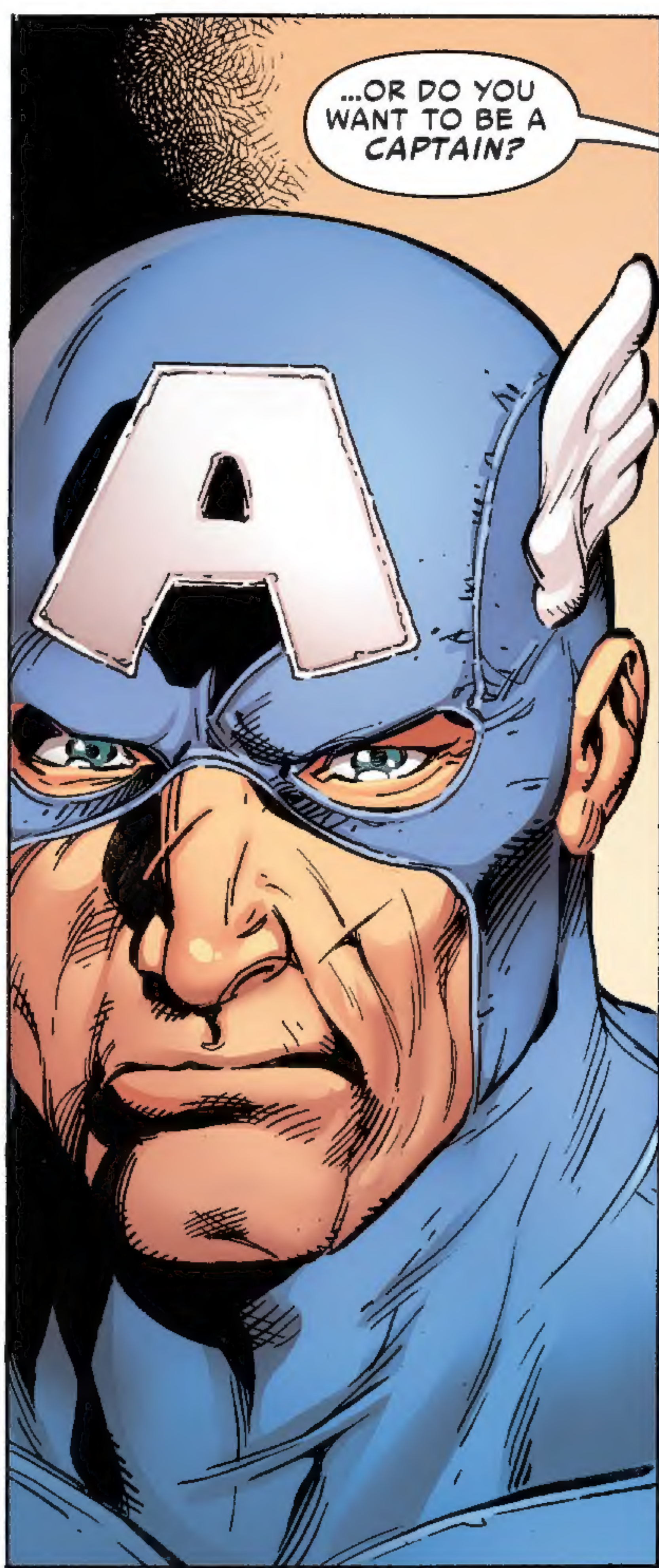
BECAUSE I'M SMARTER THAN YOU.



BECAUSE I SAW WHAT HAPPENED AND I SEE WHAT'S COMING.

THIS IS THE U.S. ARMY, AND YOU'RE BEING DRAFTED.

SO...IT'S UP TO YOU. DO YOU WANT TO BE ANOTHER NUMBER IN THE DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS...



...OR DO YOU WANT TO BE A CAPTAIN?



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THIS ENDS.

YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.

CAP...AMADEUS IS SIGNALING THAT JETS AND A HELICARRIER ARE HEADED OUR WAY...

ALL RIGHT, HAWKEYE.



CLOAK. TRANSPORT THE TEAM BACK TO BASE.

ON IT.



CAP...

...I'M SORRY. I RAN. I WANTED TO PROTECT... I HAVE A WIFE AND KIDS...

YOUR KIDS...FORGIVE ME BUT...



...DO THEY HAVE POWERS?

I... YES.

I WON'T RESPECT YOU ANY LESS IF YOU GO TO YOUR FAMILY AND FORGET ABOUT THIS WAR.

BUT YOU HAVE TO REALIZE, ONE DAY SOON... TONY WILL COME FOR THEM.



YOU SHOULD KNOW... THERE'S...THERE'S AN ENERGY VAMPIRE CHASING ME.

WE'LL DEAL WITH IT TOGETHER, SON.

HEH. "SON."



WE'RE BOTH OLD MEN, CAP.

WE NEED TO DO WHAT OLD MEN SHOULD DO AND LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE...

...BEFORE WE GO.

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THE 2010s**



